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TOWN OF SUTTON  
NEW HAMPSHIRE







**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**  
**TOWN OF SUTTON**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**For the Year Ending December 31, 1968**

**also**

**VITAL STATISTICS**

**For the Year Ending December 31, 1968**

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**Cover Photograph** — Courtesy of New Hampshire Department of Public Works and Highways. The view is looking southerly on the South Bound Lane of I-89 near where the Shadow Hill Road crossed the new highway. This picture is taken from on top of ledges near the same place as the illustration on the cover of the 1966 Annual Report.

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**MODERATOR**

Robert S. Bristol

**TOWN OFFICERS**

**Selectmen**

Chester H. Martin  
Harold D. Hurd  
Robert S. Bristol

Term expires 1969  
Term expires 1970  
Term expires 1971

**Town Clerk**

Evangeline A. Chadwick

**Town Treasurer**

Irene C. Davis

**Tax Collector**

Evangeline A. Chadwick

**Highway Agent**

Phillip A. Thompson

**Trustees of Trust Funds**

William L. Bradford (*resigned*)  
Ralph C. Bing (*appointed to replace*)  
Alice M. Davis  
Cornelius G. Martin (*resigned*)  
James E. Jerram (*appointed to replace*)

Term expires 1969  
Term expires 1970  
Term expires 1971

**Auditors**

George H. Hosmer

Donald J. Mitchell

**Trustees of the Library**

Alice Keller  
Eleanor Lewis  
Elizabeth M. Beattie  
Surissa Y. Lewis  
Jean Sykes  
Rena Robinson

Term expires 1969  
Term expires 1969  
Term expires 1970  
Term expires 1970  
Term expires 1971  
Term expires 1971

**Police Department**Ralph J. Whipple, *Chief*Myron Traynor, *Deputy***Building Inspector**

James C. M. Tillinghast

**Overseer of Public Welfare**

George H. Hosmer

**Health Officer**

Ralph J. Whipple

**Librarian**

Jeanette R. Couch

**Supervisors of Check List**

Patricia Chadwick

Term expires 1970

Robert W. Patten

Term expires 1972

Paul E. Kyburg

Term expires 1974

**Custodian of Town Hall**

Jeanette R. Couch

**Fire Chief**

Earl A. Rowe

**Fire Warden**

Carroll L. Thompson

**Civilian Defense Director**

Emerson C. Bailey, Jr.

### Budget Committee

Dudley A. Coonley	Term expires 1969
Charles F. Whittemore	Term expires 1969
Darrel Palmer	Term expires 1970
Myron Traynor	Term expires 1970
Carroll L. Thompson	Term expires 1971
William L. Bradford	Term expires 1971

### Planning Board

George G. Wells	Term expires 1969
Edwin H. Keith	Term expires 1969
Robert W. Patten	Term expires 1970
Carlton R. Bradford	Term expires 1970
Charles F. Whittemore	Term expires 1971
Barbara L. Gorton	Term expires 1971
Robert S. Bristol, <i>ex officio</i>	Term expires 1971

### Board of Adjustment

Weston A. Chadwick	Carroll L. Thompson
Donald C. Davis	Robert W. Patten
Robert S. Bristol	

### Trustees of Old Store Museum

Myrtle R. Wells	Irene C. Davis
Barbara E. Allen	Thomas R. Lowe

### 1859 Advertisement of Cattle -

*To whom it may concern*

Notice is hereby given that on the twenty-second day of May 1859 I found doing damage in an enclosure occupied by me in the town of Sutton, two red steers about two years old with faces partially white, one light red Heifer about two years old and one Cosset Sheep the owner of which is to me unknown.

Sutton, May 22, 1859

Isaih P. Nelson



## REPORT FROM THE "ROUND ROOM"

For the report on our Town's affairs in 1968 we have chosen a theme of ELECTIONS for the Presidential Primary and National election for that high office as well as Governor, Congressman, Senator, and other important State and County officers were held during the year. On this subject of elections we offer a few historical notes, and in addition to these you will find tid-bits from the records of the Town Clerk, from the earliest years of Sutton's history, interspersed with the usual text and tables in the Report. One might say that this is the "human interest" part of the story; however taxes continues to be an almost over-powering matter of concern and this is the "meat-and-potato" theme of the Report.

It is interesting to note that in the warrants for the early town meetings there was a list of officers for election, many of these are foreign to us, but in the passage of time we find that the lists are not diminishing, just the nomenclature is changing. The following is a sample of a "Warning" for a meeting:

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said state qualified to vote in town affairs, you are hereby notified to meet at the Inn of William Hendricks in said Sutton on Tuesday the seventh day of March next at one of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:*

- 1ly *To chuse a Moderator.*
- 2ly *To chuse a culler of staves.*
- 3ly *To chuse a town Treasurer and all other necessary town officers.*—
- 4ly *To chuse tything men.*
- 5ly *To chuse a sealer of leather.*
- 6ly *To chuse field drivers.*
- 7ly *To chuse a sealer of weights and measures.*
- 8th *To chuse fence viewers.*
- 9th *To chuse overseers of the Poor.*
- 10th *To chuse hogreaves.*

In the matter of electing Presidents research shows that Sutton voted the same as the Nation, i.e. for the successful candidate for President 61% of the time, or twenty-two out of thirty-six elections. And Sutton voted the same as New Hampshire



for the successful candidate for President 69% of the time, or twenty-five times out of thirty-six elections. New Hampshire's average is better than Sutton's being "right" 76% of the time, or thirty-five out of forty-six. Please note, however, that prior to 1824 electors for President were chosen by the Legislature, and there was *no direct* election of the Electors in New Hampshire until then. So that the expression of residents of Sutton is not recorded in the first nine Presidential elections. And, unlike now the voters voted on the names of the Electors, not the name of the Presidential candidate, as the Town Clerk's records show the tally for Electors, not President. The names of Sutton men are among the Electors:

1828 Jonathon Harvey - Federalist

1836 Jonathon Harvey - Democrat

1844 Reuben Porter - Free Soiler

Also interesting to note that in the first year that Abraham Lincoln was a candidate, Sutton gave him a tie with Stephen A. Douglas; in the second election, Sutton voted for Lincoln's opponent, George B. McLellan !!!!!

Year	SUTTON	New Hampshire	United States
1788	*	George Washington	George Washington
1792	*	George Washington	George Washington
1796	*	John Adams	John Adams
1800	*	John Adams	Thomas Jefferson
1804	*	Thomas Jefferson	Thomas Jefferson
1808	*	Charles Pinckney	James Madison
1812	*	DeWitt Clinton	James Madison
1816	*	James Monroe	James Monroe
1820	*	James Monroe	James Monroe
1824	John Q. Adams	John Q. Adams	John Q. Adams
1828	Andrew Jackson	John Q. Adams	Andrew Jackson
1832	Andrew Jackson	Andrew Jackson	Andrew Jackson
1836	Martin VanBuren	Martin VanBuren	Martin VanBuren
1840	Martin VanBuren	Martin VanBuren	Wm. Harrison, <i>Whig</i>
1844	James K. Polk	James K. Polk	James K. Polk
1848	Lewis Cass	Lewis Cass	Zachary Taylor <i>Whig</i>
1852	Franklin Pierce	Franklin Pierce	Franklin Pierce
1856	John Fremont	John Fremont	James Buchanan

1860	Abraham Lincoln -		
<i>tied</i>	Stephen A. Douglas	Abraham Lincoln	Abraham Lincoln
1864	Geo. B. McClellan	Abraham Lincoln	Abraham Lincoln
1868	Ulysses S. Grant	Ulysses S. Grant	Ulysses S. Grant
1872	Horace Greeley	Ulysses S. Grant	Ulysses S. Grant
1876	Rutherford Hayes	Rutherford Hayes	Rutherford Hayes
1880	Winfield Hancock	James Garfield	James Garfield
1884	Grover Cleveland	James Blaine	Grover Cleveland
1888	Grover Cleveland	William Harrison	William Harrison
1892	Grover Cleveland	William Harrison	Grover Cleveland
1896	William McKinley	William McKinley	William McKinley
1900	William McKinley	William McKinley	William McKinley
1904	Theodore Roosevelt	Theodore Roosevelt	Theodore Roosevelt
1908	William Taft	William Taft	William Taft
1912	Woodrow Wilson	Woodrow Wilson	Woodrow Wilson
1916	Woodrow Wilson	Woodrow Wilson	Woodrow Wilson
1920	Warren Harding	Warren Harding	Warren Harding
1924	Calvin Coolidge	Calvin Coolidge	Calvin Coolidge
1928	Herbert Hoover	Herbert Hoover	Herbert Hoover
1932	Herbert Hoover	Herbert Hoover	Franklin Roosevelt
1936	Alf Landon	Franklin Roosevelt	Franklin Roosevelt
1940	Wendell Willkie	Franklin Roosevelt	Franklin Roosevelt
1944	Thomas Dewey	Franklin Roosevelt	Franklin Roosevelt
1948	Thomas Dewey	Thomas Dewey	Harry S. Truman
1952	Dwight Eisenhower	Dwight Eisenhower	Dwight Eisenhower
1956	Dwight Eisenhower	Dwight Eisenhower	Dwight Eisenhower
1960	Richard M. Nixon	Richard M. Nixon	John F. Kennedy
1964	Lyndon Johnson	Lyndon Johnson	Lyndon Johnson
1968	Richard M. Nixon	Richard M. Nixon	Richard M. Nixon

At both the Primary and November elections a Sutton representative had the job of telephoning the results of Sutton's vote to C(olumbia) B(roadcasting) S(ystem) headquarters in New York City, evidently for the purpose of "feeding" these figures into a computer to produce an indication of trends in National voting. It was an interesting chore to place these long distance calls, but the reason for choosing Sutton is elusive; the accuracy of the choice of our voters based on the above tabulation does not seem to merit confidence. Or, were we chosen by a method of throwing darts at a map of New Hampshire?

And so to the subject of TAXES. This subject has been treated at length many times in these Reports, but more fully in

the 1965 Report; so we turn back to the discussion and graphic and tabular information presented there and bring it up to date.

The year 1968, April 9, to be exact, marked the one hundred eighty-third anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Sutton; for on April 9, 1784 in the New Hampshire House of Representatives: "Voted that it ("our bill" to incorporate) pass to be enacted. Sent up for concurrence.

"Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, and by authority of the same it is hereby enacted, that there be, and hereby is a township erected and Incorporated by the name of Sutton, containing all the lands and bounded as set forth in the Charter or Grant of said Perrys-town, which is as follows, viz: (Description followed). (1)

"And the Inhabitants of said tract of land are hereby erected into a body Politic and Corporate, to have continuance and succession forever, and invested with all the powers, and enfranchised with all rights, and privileges, and immunities which any town in the State holds and enjoys, to hold to the said Inhabitants and their successors forever."

These are the official beginnings of our town government, the granted authority under which we act as the Town only has powers as granted to it by the Legislature. The Town History expresses so well the condition prior to incorporation: "Previous to incorporation there had been a town organization, we know, as we have the record of its acts, but it was simply a voluntary association of men, not a legal organization. It had no compelling power. Under it no tax could be collected, no road or bridge built, no school supported. All those had to be done by voluntary subscription. These are some of the "disadvantages" alluded to in the wording of the petition." (Petition for incorporation) (2)

It is about this power to tax, this "compelling power," without which the town worked with "disadvantages" prior to incorporation, that we speak in particular in this Report.

First, this subject of taxation was a prominent, yes, predominate topic of discussion in 1968 in Sutton. And we are sure that

(1) *Incorporation*

(2) Part 1. *History of Sutton, N. H. by Mrs. Augusta Harvey Worthen*



this is not the only community in this state or the United States, where the burden of property taxes is very evident; as this is a problem of national concern; and in many cases many people talk about it, especially in Legislatures, and no one, or not many people do anything about it. (In this way this subject resembles the weather!)

Secondly, it is one of the major problems that faces this Board of Selectmen, and it is the major job assigned to any Board of Selectmen anywhere in New Hampshire. The statutes say plainly and flatly:

"The selectmen of each town, shall annually in April, make a list of all the polls and take an invoice of all the estate liable to be taxed in such town on the first day of that month." Chap. 74. Sec. 1 RSA.

And: "Upon the return of such inventory, the selectmen shall assess a tax against the person or corporation in accordance with their appraisal of the property therein mentioned, ---" Chap. 74, Sec. 11 RSA

And: "-----, the selectmen shall manage the prudential affairs of the towns and perform the duties by law prescribed-----." Chapt. 41. Sec. 8 RSA

Therefore the whole job of taxation and fiscal management lies squarely on our shoulders; as seen above the statutes leave no doubt on these points.

Thirdly, the effects of any policy of taxation is of the utmost importance on the growth of the community. At this particular juncture in the development of Sutton this point can not be over-emphasized since we appear to be on the threshold of important growth. Because Sutton has been put on the "Main Line;" there will be those who come to live here because of the new proximity to urban areas, and because of the living space and rural charm here. Unless the tax situation is in order and somewhat attractive, the appeal of this town to new comers (and ourselves) may be seriously damaged.

Fourth, a new dimension has been added since 1965 in the form of a new district (school) which simply bills the Town and in which the voters have little, or *no* say!

Fifth, a continuing practise of the Legislature to impose, through State Departments, expensive services on the creatures of its creation (Towns and Cities), witness schools, non-burning in dumps; and at the same time erode the tax base from which the revenues for these "services" come.

In short, this subject of Property Taxes is of such extreme importance in terms of the Dollars taken out of our pockets that it is reaching crisis proportions. Let us proceed to the mechanics of the THING.

	\$175,661.33
1968 Tax Rate \$26.40	<hr/> \$7,193,550.00

This is the same information that has been in the Town Report for a number of years on the page entitled "*Sources of Revenue*," and if you like long division you might like to try dividing \$175,661.33 by \$7,193,550.00. It's fun! So our job is a simple one; appraise each parcel of taxable property; add them up. Add up the appropriations we vote in Town meeting, plus the County Tax, plus the School Tax; and then divide Sum of Appropriations by Sum of Valuations. Result: TAX RATE.

But let us look further and more closely at the two parts of the formula: the divisor or total valuation; and the dividend or the total appropriations.

### Fiscal Trends

First, the dividend, sum of appropriations, part of the formula. We call this section of our discussion "Fiscal Trends": because it sounds important; and because we want to show what has been going on with the money the town needs to raise each year to carry on its services.

In Table I, we have chosen a period of thirteen years because this brings the 1965 tables to date, and it is a long enough period of time to establish a trend, so that is the area we consider in these tables and graphs. In order not to be too detailed the total appropriations are divided into five major categories of major expenses: Highway, New Equipment, all other Town Appropriations, School, and County. Essentially what these figures prove is that expenses in all of these areas are *up, up, up*. But it is interesting to see how much is up in each one of these five categories.

HIGHWAY DEPT.				EQUIPMENT		
	\$ Increase		%	\$ Increase		%
	over 1955		Increase	over 1955		Increase
1968	\$21,560	\$10,020	86.0	\$8,000	\$5,910	283.7
1967	21,105	9,565	82.0	8,000	5,910	283.7
1966	21,115	9,575	82.0	7,000	4,910	234.9
1965	16,960	5,420	46.97	7,000	4,910	234.9
1964	16,970	5,430	47.1	7,000	4,910	234.9
1963	18,970	7,430	64.3	7,000	4,910	234.9
1962	15,000	3,460	29.9	7,000	4,910	234.9
1961	14,990	3,450	29.9	4,650	2,560	122.5
1960	11,990	450	3.9	3,650	1,560	74.6
1959	12,500	960	8.32	6,190	4,100	196.2
1958	14,000	2,460	21.0	4,890	2,800	134.0
1957	11,790	250	2.16	3,100	1,010	48.32
1956	11,790	250	2.16	3,090	1,000	47.85
1955	11,540			2,090		
Other Town Appropriations				SCHOOL		
1968	\$23,580	\$16,972	256.9	\$109,060	+ \$73,160	+ 203.8
1967	23,768	17,160	259.0	87,865	+ 51,965	+ 144.0
1966	18,053	11,445	173.0	69,050	+ 33,150	+ 92.0
1965	17,960	11,352	171.8	63,450	+ 27,550	+ 76.7
1964	11,050	4,441	67.2	51,300	+ 15,400	+ 42.9
1963	9,520	2,912	44.1	44,570	+ 8,670	+ 24.14
1962	7,980	1,372	20.8	42,900	+ 7,000	+ 19.5
1961	8,660	2,052	31.1	41,850	+ 5,950	+ 16.57
1960	10,880	4,272	64.7	39,300	+ 3,400	+ 9.47
1959	11,100	4,492	67.98	35,700	— 200	— 0.56
1958	8,695	2,987	31.6	33,200	— 2,700	— 7.52
1957	10,694	4,086	61.8	34,600	— 1,300	— 3.62
1956	8,996	2,388	36.14	32,150	— 3,750	— 10.45
1955	6,608			35,900		
COUNTY						
1968	\$10,310	\$6,566	175.4			
1967	8,900	5,156	137.7			
1966	7,330	3,586	95.8			
1965	6,585	2,841	75.88			
1964	5,700	1,956	52.24			
1963	5,200	1,456	38.89			
1962	5,470	1,726	46.1			
1961	5,470	1,726	46.1			
1960	4,900	1,156	30.88			
1959	5,100	1,356	36.22			
1958	4,750	1,006	26.87			
1957	4,110	+ 355	+ 9.78			
1956	3,308	— 436	— 11.65			
1955	3,744					

TABLE 1

AMOUNT OF CHANGE  
& PERCENTAGE CHANGE  
in 5 Major Appropriations

1955 - 1968



To explain the tables briefly. The first column is the number of Dollars in each year that is raised for that purpose in that year. The second column is the number of Dollars *more* in that year that was raised for that purpose than was raised in the base year 1955. And the third column is the percentage of increase (or decrease) that the amount in the second column represents over the base year, 1955. A graph accompanies each table to make the trend visually plain.

It is important to note that an 86% increase in thirteen years in one department where the base year figure is \$11,500, means a Dollar increase of \$10,020. While only a 76% increase in thirteen years in a department where the base figure is \$36,000.00, means a Dollar increase of \$27,550.00.

There are, of course, a variety of reasons why all of the amounts raised have increased:

1. Creeping inflation, the costs of goods and labor are simply going up as a constant fact of life.
2. Increasing services, as for example an expanded Fire Department.
3. In some instances budget figures have been raised to be more realistic, as for example salaries paid to officers.
4. Improvement and modernization of equipment and buildings. The Town has literally pulled itself up by its boot straps in keeping abreast of its needs in equipment.
5. The imposition of more expensive ways of doing things by State Departments, school and dump for examples.

The second major point of the Fiscal Trends is how these five major parts of our government fared at the trough of public monies, or what share did each piggy get? Amazingly, as you may see from the graph and Table II, the percentage share of each of the parts has not changed *drastically* from 1955 to 1968, even though there have been big changes within each part.

TABLE II

## PERCENTAGE SHARE OF TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 1955 - 1968

Year	Highway	%	Equipment	%	Other Town	%	School	%	County	%	Total	Overlay	%
1968	\$21,560	12.3	\$8,000	4.6	\$23,580	13.3	\$109,060	62.1	\$10,310	5.9	\$175,661	\$3,151	1.8
1967	21,105	13.9	8,000	5.3	23,769	15.7	89,000	58.1	8,900	5.9	151,293	1,655	1.1
1966	21,115	17.1	7,000	5.7	18,053	14.6	69,050	55.8	7,330	5.8	123,653	1,105	0.9
1965	16,960	15.1	7,000	6.1	17,960	16.0	63,450	56.6	6,585	5.7	111,955	879	0.6
1964	16,970	18.3	7,000	7.5	11,050	11.8	51,300	55.7	5,700	6.1	92,020	710	0.6
1963	18,970	22.1	7,000	8.1	9,520	11.0	44,570	52.2	5,200	6.0	85,260	677	0.6
1962	15,000	19.0	7,000	8.7	7,980	10.0	42,900	54.8	5,470	6.9	78,350	560	0.6
1961	14,990	19.8	4,650	6.0	8,660	11.4	41,800	55.3	5,470	7.0	75,570	394	0.5
1960	11,990	16.9	3,650	5.0	10,880	15.0	39,300	55.6	4,900	7.0	70,720	402	0.5
1959	12,500	17.5	6,190	8.7	11,100	15.5	35,720	50.6	5,100	7.0	70,610	552	0.7
1958	14,000	21.1	4,890	7.2	8,695	13.0	33,195	50.7	4,750	7.2	65,530	826	0.8
1957	11,790	18.1	3,100	4.0	9,766	16.0	34,606	54.0	4,110	7.0	64,300	927	0.9
1956	11,790	19.7	3,090	5.2	8,996	15.2	32,156	54.2	3,308	5.6	59,340	497	0.1
1955	11,540	19.0	2,090	3.2	6,608	10.7	35,898	59.9	3,744	6.3	59,880	538	0.9

# PERCENTAGE SHARE OF APPROPRIATIONS 1955 - 1968

HIGHWAY



OVERLAY



EQUIPMENT



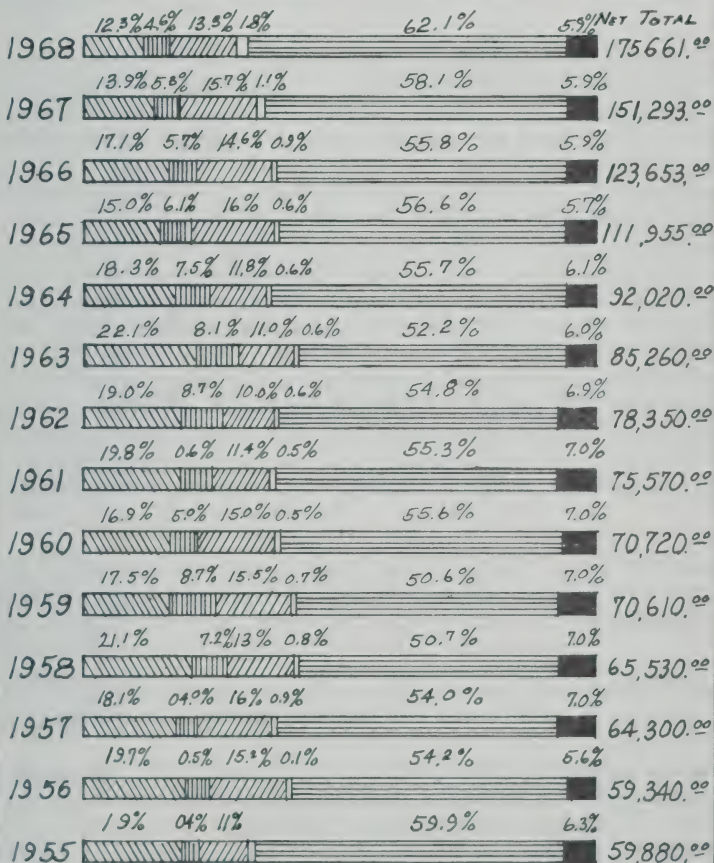
SCHOOLS



TOWN SERVICES



COUNTY







A few notes on the second factor in the formula of the Tax Rate, the divisor part or VALUATIONS. Here again the law is plain and specific in regard to the Selectmen's duties: "The selectmen shall appraise all taxable property at its full and true value in money as they would appraise the same in payment of a just debt due from a solvent debtor, and shall receive and consider all evidence that may be submitted to them relative to the value of property the value of which cannot be determined by personal examination." Chapter 75, Sec. 1 RSA.

In 1957 a policy of 100% valuation was established in accordance with the above quoted law; and Sutton was in the lead in our area in this respect. Again in 1961 a readjustment of appraisals was made by the selectmen to make valuations more realistic as compared with the ever advancing real estate values. In 1967 the appraisals were made by the staff of the State Tax Commission. Table III and accompanying graph are helpful in pointing out the effects of the parts on each other in our formula (Appropriations divided by Valuations equals Tax Rate, in case you had forgotten). This graph plainly points out how the revaluation of 1957 dropped the rate, and the readjustment of 1961 caused the rate to dip; and another slight dip in 1967. And the center line shows the steadily increasing appropriations, especially since 1963 the line shows the rise has been sharper. The valuation line is climbing too, according to our picture, but slowly until the sudden dip in 1968. The line representing rate has risen but not as fast as the other two, until 1965, and again 1968. Can anything be done about the Tax Situation?

So we have talked about what has been going on; now what, if anything, can be done about influencing the two parts of our formula to make the end result, our tax climate, a desirable place in which to live?

We hope that the accompanying Charts and Tables will help to clarify the changes occurring in our tax situation.

Once again let's start with the dividend or appropriations part of our formula. Like any budget balancing situations there are two ways to keep financially afloat, one is to spend less, and the other is to take in more, or a combination of the two. We mean to suggest here to find the delicate balancing point between reducing expenditures while maintaining, efficiently, the necessary

services. It is the height of folly to reduce appropriations for the sake of the reduction and not allow enough money to be realistic about the costs of providing the desired services.

One particular case in point is the appropriation for equipment which the chart and graph will show has had a sizable increment since 1955, on the order of 283.7%. Reaching this level of expenditure has several beneficial results: one is that it allows us to keep abreast of our equipment needs, without waiting for machinery to be out-moded and worn out, and then to rush out to buy something. Secondly, a regular replacement plan can be set up to keep machinery up to date. Hopefully by maintaining this level of the appropriation for this purpose will make it possible to put money in a Capital Reserve Fund in anticipation of years when actual purchases are to be made. Thirdly it levels off the budget needs, which fluctuated wildly using the rush-out-to-buy method; note changes in graph prior to 1960 in the equipment appropriation. Simply, we suggest that there be a realistic budget, recognizing the true cost of providing a desired service.

TABLE III

Percentage of Change from Base Year 1955, in Tax Rate,  
Net Valuation, and Amount Raised

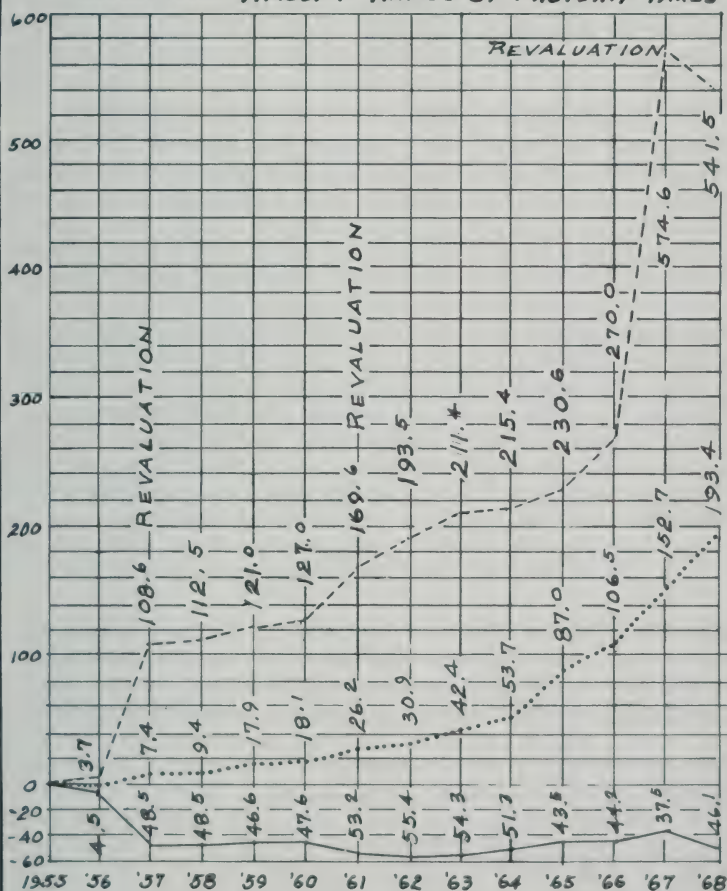
Year	Tax Rate	%	Net Valuation	%	Amount Raised by Taxes	%
1968	\$24.60	—46.1	\$7,193,550	541.5	\$175,661	193.4
1967	20.00	—37.5	7,564,685	574.6	151,293	152.7
1966	29.80	—44.2	4,149,445	270.0	123,653	106.5
1965	30.20	—43.5	3,707,140	230.6	111,955	87.0
1964	26.00	—51.3	3,539,280	215.6	92,021	53.7
1963	24.40	—54.3	3,491,520	211.4	85,261	42.4
1962	23.80	—55.4	3,291,090	193.5	78,351	30.9
1961	25.00	—53.2	3,022,930	169.6	75,573	26.2
1960	28.00	—47.6	2,546,325	127.0	70,716	18.1
1959	28.50	—46.6	2,477,655	121.0	70,613	17.9
1958	27.50	—48.5	2,383,020	112.5	65,533	9.4
1957	27.50	—48.5	2,338,522	108.6	64,309	7.4
1956	51.00	— 4.5	1,163,550	3.7	59,341	— 0.9
1955	53.40	—	1,121,355	—	59,880	—



# PERCENTAGE CHANGE 1955-1968

TAX RATE —  
 NET VALUATION —  
 AMOUNT RAISED BY TAXES

———— TAX RATE  
 - - - - - NET VALUATION  
 ..... AMOUNT RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES





As to the divisor, or valuation part of our formula, the suggestion here is again for a realistic approach. We are committed to a 100% evaluation policy and in fact required to use one as prescribed by law, (*see above*). So having accepted that proposition we are face to face with an active real estate market where values are ever on the rise, and this trend appears to be continuing into the fore-seeable future. Therefore, as sure as the Creator made little apples it is necessary to make a periodic re-alignment of valuation in order to maintain the 100% position and have realistic assessment.

The 1967 Re-appraisal made by the State Tax Commission appraisers, as requested by a vote of the Town has been put into operation, so to speak, and there has been a little time, at least, to see how it turned out. We realize that there can be a never-ending argument about whether the job should be done by local people, or "experts" from "outside." However, as we pointed out many times, it is a *practical* impossibility for local people to spend a sufficient amount of time to gather, and evaluate the amount of data that appears to be required, so that appraisals are not of the off-the-top-of-the-head, or wind-shield variety. The assumption is, therefore, that the assessments were made by impartial appraisers, using factual information (measurements, actual physical inspections, etc.) and based on sound appraisal practises involving statistical tables of values. And thus a mass of information was produced, never before available in the Selectmen's office. In other words as it applies to *you*, you may inspect your record card to see what was valued, and for how much.

As part of the process, hearings were held after the valuation was completed, and after the tax bills were sent out. Any person aggrieved had an opportunity to talk with the man who had set the value on that person's property. In the main the adjustments made at this junction were the result of errors of fact, rather than of judgement. Contrary to this practise of hearings *after* the bills are sent out, private appraisal firms usually hold their hearing prior to sending out the bills, and thus adjustments are made before a tax payer receives a bill. Therefore the adjustments made at the hearings are not counted as appeals. The Dollar volume of abatements resulting from these adjustments was \$673.00, or 13% of total abatements. Some tax payers felt the adjustments were not satisfactory, or there were some who could not attend

the hearings, and these resulted in twenty-seven appeals to the Tax Commission. In these cases the Commissioners themselves inspected the property, and made adjustments downward in eighteen cases. The Dollar volume of these abatements was \$538.00, or 10% of the total for the year.

The Detail of Payments made a/c Abatements shows a total of \$5,330.55, the largest ever known to us. However an analysis of this total shows the following:

a/c Hearings	\$ 673.00	13%
a/c Appeals	538.00	10%
a/c "Regular Abatements"	165.00	03%
a/c "Special Appeals"	3, 954.55	74%

The abatements a/c Hearings and Appeals have been noted above. The so-called "regular abatements" refer to some that were due simply to errors in assessments, and had nothing to do with the re-appraisal.

The greatest amount abated was to Bay Path Colonial Girl Scout Council, Inc. (Camp Wabasso), and represents two years taxes, plus interest, but that appears as part of payment of interest. This rebate of taxes already paid by them is a result of a change in the law by the Legislature exempting charitable organizations from property taxes.

To make a direct comparison between 1966 and 1967, or pre and post Tax Commission appraisal:

Value	% increase	Rate	% decrease	money raised	% increase
1966 \$4,149,445	---	\$2.98	---	\$123,653.00	---
1967 \$7,564,685	82.3 %	\$2.00	—32.9 %	\$151,293.00	+22.4 %

So you see that value was increased 82.3% and had appropriations remained the same (an impossibility) you would have expected that the rate would have been \$1.63, or 45.3% less. BUT the amount to be raised was UP 22.4% and thus the rate only decreased by about 1/3.

And to carry on the sad story and make a comparison between 1967 and 1968:



	Value	% difference	Rate	% difference	money raised	% diff.
1967	\$7,564,685	—	\$2.00	—	\$151,293.00	—
1968	\$7,193,550	—4.9 %	\$2.46	+23 %	\$175,661.00	+16 %

Value *decreased* nearly 5%

Amount Raised *increased* 16%

Tax Rate *increased* 23%

The *decreases* in value are:

Loss of road machines to tax due to completion of I-89.

Loss of Camp Wabasso

Additional amount exempted to Veterans:

1967 Vet Exemption = \$500 or \$20,000 of value

1968 Vet Exemption = \$1,300 or \$52,845 of value.

The <i>increases</i> in "Money Raised"		% of increase
County	\$ 1,410.00	15.8
School	21,195.00	19.4
Highway Department	455.00	2.0
Overlay	1,496.00	90.0

It was a rocky road tax-wise in 1968 and it does not look any less rocky ahead. But, before all the abuse and blame is heaped on the inmates (*term used advisedly*) please consider these elementary facts: First, taxes are determined by the simple formula demonstrated above. Second, towns are creatures of the State (*not the Creator*) and must do as bid by the Legislature. As presently things are going the amount to be raised side is being increased by our creator (N.B. low case), while the valuation side is being decreased by the same creator. That is, expensive services are being prescribed, or rather ascribed by State Government (*witness*: schools, dump burning not allowed), increasing the money raised side of the formula; AND, third, exemptions are being increased, or the valuation side decreased: veterans' exemptions, charitable organizations, etc. And more exemptions proposed at each new Legislative session. It appears that our creator does not intend to let its creature live. If local government is to raise its funds by means of the property tax, let's have a healthy functioning, property tax; if funds are to be raised by some other means, then that ought to be the way. The crisis is fast approaching: we are not against exemptions as such, or against the people who benefit from them — and we are not suggesting that there is one best way — we can not — we are only carrying out the directives of the Law makers - but we do need to have the system we have kept in working condition.

To sum it all up the following story quoted from "Life in these United States" from *Readers' Digest*, January 1969:

"City and town officials of the New Hampshire Municipal Association had listened respectfully while two lawyers, an industrialist and a tax expert spoke eloquently in behalf of a reform movement to modernize the state's antiquated tax system.

"The question-and-answer period reflected the fact that tax-reform efforts in conservative New Hampshire had met with little success over the years. Finally, one small-town selectman summarized the problem: 'The people of New Hampshire have got a coupla things hangin' on since the 1700s. One's their method of taxin' themselves, and the second is their method of reproducin' themselves. And, by golly, I'll tell you, they'd change the second before they'd change the first.'" - Jay Gallagher, (Keene, N.H.)

### **Revaluation, Tax Map and the Round Room**

Before leaving the subject of taxes completely a word about how the revaluation and tax map affected the Round Room. We believe that it was a big step forward to have completed these big jobs and we are just as sure that they are a necessary, and valuable addition to our equipment. However, they have brought problems of their own, and correlating the two separate pieces of work proved to be a large task. While we have ironed out many problems we are sure that there are more to be solved, but not so many as at first.

### **Post Cane**

In December the Boston Post cane was transmitted to Carl H. Nelson, a spry, quick-witted gentleman, 94 years young.

### **Town Reports**

The 1967 Town Report was awarded first place in the New Hampshire Town Report contest; the twelfth consecutive certificate for first place. As of this writing the results of the New England Town Report contest is not known.

### **SOME PROSPECTS FOR 1969**

#### **Town Garage**

Construction of the new Town Garage was finally started in the early winter, and is presently nearing completion. The delays

due to consultations about details of construction, location, needs of the department, etc., etc. and the necessity of acquiring the land from the State of New Hampshire, and the construction of the relocated Village Road, all contributed. An advertisement in a local newspaper inviting contractors to bid produced only one reply, and too high at that. It was decided to effect some economies in construction and the final result is what you see, concrete walls up four feet from the floor, and frame construction above that. Heat, plumbing, lights, and completed structure, for contract price of \$26,429.00. Additional expenses to date include site preparation, and well, totaling \$771.00. Total funds available were \$24,547.91. While costs are above the appropriation surpluses in other departments more than cover this overdraft. Additional work which needs to be done (includes painting and paving in front of the doors) can be accomplished with the balances in other appropriations.

### **Equipment Purchase Proposed**

To be included in the Warrant for the Annual Meeting is the question of the purchase of a conventional drive truck, equipped with a new snow plow, and a spreader body. The purpose of suggesting the purchase of a spreader body is to make possible a one man operation in the spreading of salt and/or sand in the winter months; the body may also be used to spread sand on a black topping operation. The additional care that may become necessary on the North Road prompts the thinking that labor should be saved on this type of work so that the other members of the road crew may be free to plow and sand elsewhere. This pattern of replacing equipment follows the plan that was set up in 1967, and is patterned after our first five year equipment purchase plan. The plan simply consists of raising \$8,000.00 per year for the purchase of equipment, and by balancing needs and time for payments, the very considerable results, noted above, were obtained. Since the purchase of equipment is a continuing need we believe that the plan outlined below should be kept in operation, and that this regular replacement schedule should be followed so that we will not be faced with many purchases at once (this latter problem was once the case.) The schedule as proposed is prepared in consultation with the Budget Committee; the equipment may

then be kept up to date on a rotation as follows:

Year	Total	Grader	Truck 4WD	Truck Conv.	Notes	Cap. Reserve
1967	\$8,000.	\$2,000.	---	---	\$6,000.	---
1968	8,000.	3,500.	\$4,500.	---	---	---
1969	8,000.	3,500.	2,000.	\$2,500.	---	---
1970	8,000.	3,500.	2,000.	2,500.	---	---
1971	8,000.	3,500.	1,625.	2,875.	---	---
1972	8,000.	3,000.	---	1,750.	---	\$3,250.

### **Town Hall**

Additional money was appropriated at the 1968 Annual Meeting for repairs to furnishings at the Hall, and re-furnishing the Round Room. Many minor repairs were made such as windows glazed etc., reinforcing the protective screens on the windows of the main hall, repair of the blinds, and repairs and painting of the old benches (now considered worth-while antiques), and a carpet installed on the floor of the Round Room. The money was used up, but no furnishings for the office purchased. The same sum is suggested this year for the office furniture and further repairs, including painting the trim on the outside of the building.

### **Town Officers' Salaries**

The suggested increase in the appropriation for this item is to make possible the hiring of a secretary for the Selectmen's office. We are finally resigned to the fact that the clerical work is more than selectmen are able to cope with; this year was a dreadful example with a super-abundance of filing, letters to answer, etc. The money for this gal (or guy) is on a limited basis of approximately one day per week.

### **Town Officers' Expenses**

A modest increase in this appropriation is for the purpose of bringing the tax map up to date. There are approximately one hundred and ten transfers of property in Town during a one year period, for the cost of less than \$2.50 per transfer the record will be looked up at the Registry of Deeds, the changes made on the map, if any, the owner's record card, and the tax record card changed.



**Keyser Lake**

Our appeals for help in regard to the algae problem at Keyser Lake have been answered in two ways. First, the State of New Hampshire provided some immediate relief by clearing up the appearance of the water so that the green color was much less noticeable; this was accomplished by forcing air into the water, and thus de-stratifying the thermal layers that encourage the growth of algae. Secondly, of a more primary nature is the action taken by the voters of New London to initiate construction of an addition to the sewer plant so that the treated effluent will not be discharged into Lion Brook - source of Keyser Lake. In the long run this change in the treatment of sewage should eliminate the source of nutrients that were carried into the Lake by that Brook.

While we regret that remarks made in our Town Report of last year were not well received by some people in New London, we are glad to say that by open and frank discussion of the problem that the difficulty is in the process of being remedied without resorting to action in Courts of Law, and with a minimum of unpleasant confrontation of the two neighboring towns.

**North Road**

Probably the biggest single problem ever to face the Town in terms of money is that of constructing the North Road from the area of Exit 10 of I-89 to the Arthur Davis farm; a mile of road, more or less, and involving a bridge, and an intersection with the Wilmot Road. Because of the nature of the installation contemplated at the Davis property the matter of safety and the volume of traffic are two primary considerations. The road should be safe for buses carrying children at any time, day or night, and under all weather conditions; and permit easy passing for vehicles of this size. Also the volume of traffic, estimated at four hundred vehicles per (week) day, demands good standards, again any time of day or night, and under all weather conditions. The problem of construction and maintaining the road is, at the time of writing this, solely the responsibility of the Town of Sutton, no other town in the district, containing seven towns, is under any obligation to help; nor is the group of seven towns as a unit under any obligation to help; and indeed the unit is not permitted to do so, by

law. Why then must we bear this burden? Why then must the road be constructed at all? Without any imagination it can be seen that social pressure, and moral obligation, and political pressure might be brought to bear, so that there is no choice but to build it.

This entire problem has been under careful study, and there have been preliminary investigations and estimates. The preliminary estimates for the construction of the road run from \$80,000.00 to \$100,00.00. And a preliminary estimate for the bridge is \$30,000.00 additional. It must be emphasized that these are *preliminary estimates* and that there are no specific determinations concerning the design of the road, as for example where and how the Wilmot Road and the North Road are to intersect; and therefore no one is sure just what is involved in the costs of construction. In general terms it is expected that the T(own) R(oad) A(id) money would be used for that project, over a ten year period; and that, because the preliminary estimate for the bridge is in excess of a free span of ten feet, state aid amounting to 50% of its cost would be forthcoming. T.R.A. money is about 13% town raised, and 87% state money, and with bridge aid funds amounting to 50% make it obligatory that the standards of the road be determined by the Department of Public Works and Highways, that the road and bridge be designed by that Department, and the construction *supervised* by their engineer. Actual construction would be done by a private contractor, costs determined on a bid basis. A survey and design is required so that contractors could make their bid on specific plans and each contractor to bid on the same plans. In discussing this problem with the Budget Committee it was decided that the most economical program, in the long view, to produce a road properly designed, supervised by an engineer, and of durable quality was to follow the above outline.

A request to the Department of Public Works and Highways for a preliminary estimate on the bridge was made last summer, and this estimate has been received as noted above. An Article in the Warrant asks the Town to vote an appropriation of \$15,000.00 (our share); and upon favorable action an Application for Construction would be submitted. Upon receipt of our application an actual survey and design would be started. It is necessary to file the application in order to get the plans drawn up; the appro-

priation of money and the filing of the application with the Department would be phase I and get the ball rolling to get some firm plans and specifications on which to base some real cost estimates.

The second phase to obtain engineering studies of the road would be the appropriation of T.R.A. funds for this year, and using up to nearly one-half of that money for an engineering study and design, again to have firm plans and specifications on which to base real costs and estimates. The survey and design are essential also to indicate the probable costs of land damage because it is certain that some land will have to be bought for widening, drainage, etc. and presently it is not known where, or how much.

It is hoped that after the design of both bridge and road that the two projects would be made one, in the sense that in a contract bid both would be included in the price and costs might be somewhat reduced.

The way in which we can obtain the immediate use of ten years worth of T.R.A. funds is to borrow all in a lump sum, as permitted by law; then each year apply our appropriation and that received from the state in payment of the loan. In this way we pay all of the interest, plus our share of T.R.A. funds. The legal limit of our borrowing capacity is probably around \$100,000. An article to empower borrowing *up to* this sum is included in the Warrant, but the actual amount to be borrowed, that or less, would be determined after the survey and design phases of the project have been completed. The following table is made up on the assumption that this whole amount would be borrowed, however, this proposition "aint necessarily so."

As per the table it looks like this:

Year	Town Share	State Share	Interest	Balance
0	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$100,000.
1	1,500.	9,800.	5,000.	88,700.
2	1,500.	9,800.	4,435.	77,400.
3	1,500.	9,800.	3,870.	66,100.
4	1,500.	9,800.	3,305.	54,800.
5	1,500.	9,800.	2,740.	43,500.
6	1,500.	9,800.	2,175.	32,200.

7	\$1, 500.	\$9, 800.	\$1, 610.	\$20, 900.
8	1, 500.	9, 800.	1, 045.	9, 600.
9	1, 248.	8, 352.	480.	---
	\$13, 248.	\$86, 752.	\$24, 660.	---

Or the Town's total share is \$37,708.00. However, our expense does not end there as we also have the cost of maintenance of the road; and during those ten years we do not have the annual T.R.A. money to use elsewhere in Town. To be more specific and realistic it would be necessary to increase the regular road maintenance appropriation in order to have sufficient money to pay the road crew for the approximately eight weeks that their wages have always come from the T.R.A. work.

### **Truck Purchase**

Only two bids were forthcoming on our request for the purchase of the new four-wheel-drive truck; however, there was a difference between the bids of \$3,255.00! The successful bidder was \$1,375.00 under the amount raised, thereby creating a balance.

### **CONCLUSION**

As we review the events of the year just past, and project some of the things to come, it appears that we are in a period of far reaching change. It seems that the trend in all facets of social, political and economic life is toward larger and larger units; and many of our problems arise from the increasing pressures of this concept. We are groping for the answers to meet these challenges, and trying to understand the new rhythm of the changing times. We trust that we are capable of finding the best way of directing the affairs of Sutton in the maelstrom.

### **March 15, 1843**

On motion, Voted that the Selectmen be directed to examine the route for a road as petitioned for by John Hubbard and others near Dutch Cap, so called, and if they are of opinion that the public good requires the road to be laid out, to lay out the same.



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

T O W N   W A R R A N T



*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack  
in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Hall in said Sutton, the eleventh day of March next, at two of the clock in the afternoon, the polls to be open from two of the clock in the afternoon and to be closed no earlier than six-thirty of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:—

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
2. To vote on the question: Are you in favor of the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance amendment as proposed by the Planning Board?

*Note:* Meeting and Polls will be open at 2:00 P.M. for consideration of Articles 1 and 2. At 2:30 the Meeting will recess but the Polls will remain open; Polls will close no earlier than 6:30 P.M.

The Meeting will reconvene at 8:00 P.M. to consider Articles 3 - 15.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same:

General Expenses of Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 5,000.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00	
Election and Registration	200.00	
Town Hall	2,700.00	
Social Security (FICA)	<u>1,500.00</u>	\$11,400.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	\$ 2,000.00	
Forest Fire	200.00	
Fire Department	1,500.00	
White Pine Blister Rust	80.00	
Planning Board	100.00	
Building Inspector	200.00	
Insurance	<u>2,500.00</u>	\$ 6,580.00

Health and Sanitation:

Health Department	\$ 50.00	
New London Hospital	600.00	
Vital Statistics	15.00	
Care of Town Dump	<u>800.00</u>	\$ 1,465.00

Sutton Free Library	\$ 800.00
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Aid to persons on Public Welfare:

Town Poor	\$ 200.00	
Soldiers' Aid	100.00	
Old Age Assistance	<u>2,000.00</u>	\$ 2,300.00

Observance of Memorial Day and other celebrations:

Memorial Day	\$ 120.00	
Old Home Day	<u>100.00</u>	\$ 220.00

Common and Recreation Fund:

South Sutton Common	\$ 30.00	
Recreation Fund	<u>100.00</u>	\$ 130.00

Cemeteries \$ 1,000.00

Advertising and Regional Associations:

Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region	\$ 75.00
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Interest:

Temporary Loans	\$ 400.00	
Long Term Notes	<u>700.00</u>	\$ 1,100.00

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Total Appropriation \$25,070.00

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the repair of Highways and Bridges:

Town Maintenance:

Summer	\$10,500.00	
Winter	13,000.00	
Street Lighting	1,600.00	
General Expenses, Highway Dept.	<u>750.00</u>	\$25,850.00

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 for the purchase of a truck, sanding body, and plow for the Highway Department, to be financed as follows:

- a) the application of the balance of the 1968 appropriation for a truck amounting to \$1,375.00
- b) \$2,500.00 to be raised by taxes in 1969.
- c) to authorize the Selectmen to issue notes payable as follows:

1970	\$2,500.00
1971	\$2,875.00
1972	<u>1,750.00</u>
	\$7,125.00

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for a Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment; and to transfer the balance of the 1968 appropriation for truck to a Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment.

7. To see if the Town will vote to apply the amount of \$4,500.00 from accumulated surplus to defray the costs of additional expenses in the construction of the new Town Garage.



8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$100,000 for the purpose of making improvements to a Class V road, known as the North Road, State Inventory Number 51, beginning at the end of recent Interstate 89 access road construction and running about 1.05 miles to the main entrance of the Kearsarge Regional High School, such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 241, New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the date and place of payment of such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other steps as may be necessary to negotiate such bonds or notes as shall be to the best interests of the Town of Sutton.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$15,000 for the purpose of constructing a bridge over Stevens Brook on the North Road and to take such other steps as may be necessary as shall be in the best interests of the Town of Sutton. (*Note:* The cost of the bridge is estimated to be \$30,000, the remaining \$15,000 to be provided under the state Town Bridge Aid Program.)

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,472.02 for Town Road Aid; and the State to contribute \$9,813.49.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for a Capital Reserve Fund for a War Memorial.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for a Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Equipment.

13. To see if the Town will vote to accept any trust funds received during the year since the last Annual Meeting.

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

15. To see what action the Town may wish to take on the disposition of interest from the F. E. Nelson - Town of Sutton Trust Funds.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-first day of February in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-nine.

CHESTER H. MARTIN

HAROLD D. HURD

ROBERT S. BRISTOL

*Selectmen of Sutton*

A true copy of Warrant Attest—

CHESTER H. MARTIN

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ROBERT S. BRISTOL

*Selectmen of Sutton*

**INVENTORY OF GROSS VALUATION, APRIL 1, 1968  
AND COMPARISION WITH APRIL 1, 1967**

	1968	1967
Land and Buildings	---	\$6, 662, 300.00
Land	\$2, 633, 920.00	---
Buildings	4, 030, 050.00	---
Electric Plants	311, 300.00	311, 300.00
House Trailers	2, 900.00	17, 850.00
Stock in Trade	26, 250.00	27, 250.00
Boats and Launches	9, 630.00	9, 925.00
Cows	---	1, 960.00
Neat Stock	---	675.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	1, 400.00	2, 050.00
Portable Mills	2, 000.00	1, 000.00
Road Building and Construction Machinery	175, 000.00	546, 900.00
<b>Total Valuation</b>	<b>\$7, 193,550. 00</b>	<b>\$7, 564, 685.00</b>
<i>Exempt to Soldiers</i>	---	25, 000.00
		<b>\$7, 566, 760.00</b>
<i>Livestock and Poultry Exemption</i>	---	2, 075.00
<b>Net Taxable Valuation</b>	<b>\$7, 193, 550.00</b>	<b>\$7, 564,685. 00</b>
 <b>Tax Rate per \$1,000.00 of Valuation</b>	 <b>\$24.60</b>	 <b>\$20.00</b>
 Number of Veterans receiving Property Exemption	 26	 25
 Number of Veterans receiving Exemption from Poll Tax	 59	 57



**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1969  
with comparison of 1968 appropriations**

*Note:* Budget items listed below are in the same order as the corresponding Articles in the Warrant.

	1968 <i>Appropriations</i>	1969 <i>Recommendations</i>
<b>General Government</b>		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,700.00	2,000.00
Election and Registration	400.00	200.00
Town Hall	2,700.00	2,700.00
Social Security (FICA)	1,200.00	1,500.00
	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$11,400.00</b>
<b>Protection of Persons and Property</b>		
Police Department	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Fire Department	1,500.00	1,500.00
Forest Fire	100.00	200.00
White Pine Blister Rust	91.20	80.00
Planning Board	100.00	100.00
Building Inspector	200.00	200.00
Insurance	2,300.00	2,500.00
	<b>\$ 6,291.20</b>	<b>\$ 6,580.00</b>
<b>Health and Sanitation</b>		
Health Department	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00
New London Hospital	600.00	600.00
Vital Statistics	15.00	15.00
Care of Dump	600.00	800.00
	<b>\$ 1,235.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,465.00</b>
<b>Highways and Bridges</b>		
Town Maintenance:		
Summer	\$10,800.00	\$10,500.00
Winter	9,000.00	13,000.00
Street Lighting	1,800.00	1,600.00
General Expenses, Highway Department	250.00	750.00
Town Road Aid	1,510.11	1,472.02
	<b>\$23,360.11</b>	<b>\$27,322.02</b>



<b>Libraries</b>	\$ 600.00	\$ 800.00
<b>Public Welfare</b>		
Town Poor	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Soldiers' Aid	200.00	100.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	2,000.00
	<u>\$ 2,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,300.00</u>
<b>Memorial Day and other celebrations</b>	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00
<b>Common and Recreation</b>	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00
<b>Regional Associations</b>	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
<b>Cemeteries</b>	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Interest</b>		
Temporary Loans	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Long Term Notes	450.00	700.00
	<u>\$ 850.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,100.00</u>
<b>New Equipment</b>	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
<b>New Building</b>	\$24,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
<b>North Road Construction</b>	---	\$100,000.00
<b>Bridge</b>		\$ 15,000.00
<b>Street Signs</b>	\$ 500.00	---
<b>Reappraisal</b>	\$ 2,710.98	---
<b>Tax Map</b>	\$ 3,000.00	---
<b>Capital Reserve Funds</b>		
Fire Department	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
War Memorial	500.00	500.00
Highway Equipment	---	2,500.00
	<u>\$ 750.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,250.00</u>
<b>Long Term Notes</b>		<u>\$ 5,500.00</u>
<b>Total Estimated Expenditures</b>	<u>\$100,851.31</u>	<u>\$194,142.02</u>
Less Estimated Receipts	41,816.00	124,700.00
<b>Estimated Amount to be raised by     Property Taxes</b>	<u>\$ 59,035.31</u>	<u>\$ 69,442.02</u>

**TAXES ASSESSED IN 1968**  
**with comparative figures for 1967**

	1968	1967
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,700.00	1,700.00
Election and Registration	400.00	200.00
Town Hall	2,700.00	1,500.00
Social Security (F.I.C.A)	1,200.00	1,200.00
Police Department	2,000.00	2,000.00
Fire Department, including Forest Fire	1,600.00	1,400.00
White Pine Blister Rust	91.20	135.80
Insurance	2,300.00	2,300.00
Planning Board	100.00	200.00
Health Department	20.00	20.00
New London Hospital	600.00	600.00
Vital Statistics	15.00	15.00
Dump	600.00	600.00
Town Maintenance, <i>Summer</i>	10,800.00	10,500.00
Town Maintenance, <i>Winter</i>	9,000.00	9,000.00
Street Lighting	1,800.00	1,600.00
General Expenses, Highway Department	250.00	250.00
Town Road Aid ( <i>Town's Share</i> )	1,510.11	1,355.80
Library	600.00	600.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	2,500.00
Town Poor	200.00	200.00
Soldiers' Aid	200.00	100.00
Memorial Day & Other Celebrations	220.00	120.00
Parks, Recreation	30.00	130.00
Cemeteries	1,800.00	1,800.00
Advertising and Regional	75.00	75.00
Reappraisal	5,490.00	6,000.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	450.00	500.00
Interest, Church and School Fund	---	150.00
Interest, Long Term Notes	400.00	450.00
Long Term Notes	3,500.00	6,000.00
Tax Map	3,000.00	5,500.00
Road Relocation	---	5,000.00

Building Inspector	200.00	200.00
New Equipment, Grader	---	19,000.00
New Equipment:		
Four-wheel drive truck	11,500.00	---
New Building	24,000.00	---
Street Signs	500.00	---
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Cemeteries	---	1,000.00
War Memorial	500.00	500.00
Fire Department	250.00	250.00
<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 96,201.31</b>	<b>\$ 88,651.60</b>
County Tax Assessment	10,308.92	8,900.79
School Tax, Kearsarge Regional	109,061.78	87,865.93
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$215,572.01</b>	<b>\$185,418.32</b>
Plus Overlay	3,151.12	1,657.21
Plus War Service Credits	1,300.00	---
<b>Total amount needed to carry on Town and School Services, including County Tax</b>	<b>\$220,023.13</b>	<b>\$187,075.53</b>

**SOURCES OF REVENUE 1968**  
**with comparative figures for 1967**

The funds needed to provide the above listed appropriations made by the Town, School District, and County were based on the estimates, at which the Tax Rate was computed, from the following sources:

	1968	1967
Property Tax	\$175,661.33	\$151,293.70
Poll Tax	504.00	502.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	2,362.24	3,142.84
Savings Bank Tax	406.13	373.28
Yield Tax Sources	2,093.00	863.71
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	5,300.00	4,900.00

War Service, Tax Credit	\$ 1,300.00	---
Board and Rooms Tax	847.41	---
Room and Meals Tax	847.41	---
Dog Licenses	200.00	200.00
Business Licenses, Permits	75.00	150.00
Interest on Taxes	500.00	650.00
Rent of Town Property	120.00	150.00
Grader Notes	---	17,000.00
Income from Trust Funds	600.00	---
Cash Surplus	10,000.00	1,500.00
Truck Note	5,625.00	---
Capital Reserve Fund	9,000.00	---
Notes, a/c Building	2,500.00	---
Reimbursement, a/c State Land	150.00	150.00
Income, Highway Department	---	800.00
Tax Map and Reappraisal Notes	---	5,400.00
Appropriation, (not required)	2,779.02	---
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	\$220,023.13	\$187,075.53
<i>Less revenue other than property taxes</i>	42,557.80	35,781.83
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	\$177,465.33	\$151,293.70
<i>Less Poll Tax</i>	504.00	502.00
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	\$176,961.33	\$150,791.70
<i>Less War Service Tax Credits</i>	1,300.00	---
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<b>Amount to be raised by Property Taxes</b>		
<b>and on which Tax Rate is figured</b>	\$175,661.33	\$150,791.70

$$\text{TAX RATE} = \frac{\text{Amount to be raised}}{\text{Net Taxable Valuation}}$$

OR

$$1968 \text{ Tax Rate } \$26.40 = \frac{\$175,661.33}{\$7,193,550.00}$$



**November 1, 1829**

*Taverner's License, Sutton*

This certifies that Lt. Nathaniel A. Davis is hereby licensed to exercise the business of Taverner at his dwelling house in said town for the term of three days from this date.

Reuben Porter  
Assussio Hemphill  
*Selectmen of Sutton*

**March 17, 1794**

Voted to allow Thomas Wadleigh five dollars for a journey to the Saco River

**Records 1808**

-----that the Selectmen be directed to take possession of all the property now owned by Thomas Walker and his wife and that board of the said Walker and his wife which they shall necessarily want, namely room fire lodging clothing and victuals to be put up at vendue and struck off the person who will engage the same for the least sum.

Agreeable to the above. Phileman Hastings agreed to board the said Walker and his wife from this day to the second Tuesday of March next at the rate of \$1.07 per week.

**March 1808**

41 To provide for the Militia in this town on Muster days one pound of good Beef one pound of good flower bread one Gill of West India Rum and one quarter of pound of powder for each training soldier and noncomissioned Officer with one Barrel of good cider all of which is to be carried on to the field of parade and that the same be put up at vendue and struck off to the person who will provide the same for the least sum. Accordingly the same was put up and struck off to Thomas Wadleigh Esq. for \$38.00.

**March 1833**

To one day seeing to the poor, \$1.00 - Joseph Harvey.

**March 15, 1843**

On motion that the Selectmen be directed to make inquiry whether or not any person is cutting or selling timber on the Davis farm: and if so, prosecute the offender for trespass unless he desist.

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1968

## TOWN OF SUTTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Name of Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts	Expended	Balance	Overdraft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,000.00	---	\$ 4,272.00	---	\$ 272.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,700.00	---	1,991.62	---	291.62
Election and Registration	400.00	\$7.00	506.90	---	99.90
Town Hall	2,700.00	90.00	1,915.09	\$874.91	---
Social Security	1,200.00	1,376.28	2,752.56	---	176.28
Police Department	2,000.00	95.92	1,497.08	598.84	---
Fire Department	1,500.00	---	1,617.21	---	117.21
Forest Fire	100.00	20.70	50.20	70.50	---
White Pine Blister Rust	91.20	---	91.20	---	---
Insurance	2,300.00	---	2,646.07	---	346.07
Planning	100.00	---	93.28	6.72	---
Health Department	20.00	---	46.62	---	26.62
New London Hospital	600.00	---	600.00	---	---
Vital Statistics	15.00	---	17.00	---	2.00
Dump	600.00	---	679.89	---	79.89
Town Maintenance, Summer	10,800.00	1,339.99	10,627.71	1,512.28	---
Town Maintenance, Winter	9,000.00	300.15	11,215.93	---	1,915.73
Street Lighting	1,800.00	---	1,499.01	300.99	---
General Expenses, Highway Department	250.00	---	204.36	45.64	---
Town Road Aid (TRA)	1,510.11	753.55	2,221.43	42.18	---
Duncan Fund	---	7,810.62	7,813.40	---	2.78

Library	600.00	306.78	906.78	---	---
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	1,450.91	1,039.67	2,911.24	---
Town Poor	200.00	---	116.50	83.50	---
Soldiers' Aid	200.00	94.24	294.24	---	---
Memorial Day and Other Celebrations	220.00	---	200.00	20.00	---
Parks and Recreation	130.00	---	138.00	---	8.00
Cemeteries	1,800.00	576.00	1,249.23	1,126.77	---
Building Inspector	200.00	57.00	200.00	57.00	---
Advertising and Regional Associations	75.00	---	75.00	---	---
New Building	2,500.00	22,047.91	10,771.04	13,776.87	---
New Equipment	5,875.00	5,625.00	10,125.00	1,375.00	---
Interest	850.00	899.38	1,939.45	---	190.07
Long Term Notes	3,500.00	---	3,500.00	---	---
Capital Reserve Funds	750.00	---	750.00	---	---
Tax Map	3,000.00	700.00	3,689.85	10.15	---
Re-appraisal	2,710.98	5,620.82	8,395.45	---	63.65
Street Signs	500.00	---	300.00	200.00	---
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	\$66,297.29	\$49,172.25	\$96,048.82	\$23,012.59	\$3,591.87
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Total amount available	\$115,469.54	Total Balances		\$23,012.59	
Less amount expended	96,048.82	Less Overdrafts		3,591.87	
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NET BALANCE	\$ 19,420.72			\$19,420.72	

## B A L A N C E

## A S S E T S

<b>Cash on Hand, December 31, 1968</b>		<b>\$ 75,162.82</b>
<b>Accounts due Town:</b>		
1. Capital Reserve Funds:		
(a) Bridges	\$ 1,501.36	
(b) Fire Equipment	1,392.22	
(c) Highway Equipment	113.79	
(d) War Memorial	1,018.90	4,026.27
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2. State of New Hampshire:		
(a) Bounties	\$ 36.50	
(b) Gas Tax	147.77	184.27
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3. Merrimack County:		
(a) a/c aid rendered		461.04
4. Trustees of Trust Funds:		
a/c New Buildings	\$ 9,547.91	
a/c Museum	474.46	
a/c Library	487.83	
a/c Cemeteries	576.00	
a/c Churches	200.00	
a/c Worthy Poor	94.24	11,380.44
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<b>Unredeemed Taxes:</b>		
Levy of 1967	\$ 2,165.63	
Levy of 1966	972.66	
Previous Years	166.30	3,304.29
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<b>Uncollected Taxes:</b>		
Property 1968	\$ 93,171.90	
Yield 1968	1,078.42	
Yield, previous years	601.14	
Poll 1968	146.00	
Poll, previous years	22.00	
Head 1968	500.00	
Head, previous years	60.00	94,579.46
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<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$189,098.59</b>
<b>Excess of Liabilities over Assets</b>		<b>3,691.06</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$192,789.65</b>



## S H E E T

## L I A B I L I T I E S

**Unexpended Balances, Special Appropriations:**

Gravel	\$ 312.81	
Civil Defense	418.78	
Town Hall	874.91	
Truck	1,375.00	
a/c New Building	13,776.87	
Signs	200.00	\$ 16,958.37

**Accounts owed by Town:**

Trustees of Trust Funds,		
a/c Lots sale	245.00	
Evangeline A. Chadwick,		
a/c refund	10.00	
Churches	200.00	455.00

**Due State of New Hampshire:**

Head Taxes	\$ 731.50	
(Uncollected \$500.00;		
Collected, not remitted \$231.50)		
Yield Tax Bond Retirement	620.61	
(Uncollected \$320.14;		
Collected, not remitted \$300.47)		1,352.11

**Due School District:**

Balance 1967-68 Appropriation	80,872.90
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**Capital Reserve Funds**

4,026.27

**Long Term Notes:**

Grader	\$ 13,500.00	
Four wheel drive truck	5,625.00	19,125.00

**Temporary Loans**

70,000.00

**Total Liabilities**

\$192,789.65

Surplus 12/31/67	\$32,627.58
Surplus 12/31/68	28,936.52
<i>Decrease of Surplus</i>	\$ 3,691.06



### REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

#### Summary of Property Taxes

	1968	1967
Warrant, Property Taxes	\$175,661.33	
Uncollected Property Taxes		\$97,226.92
Additional Property Taxes	476.01	247.00
Interest Collected		680.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$176,137.34</b>	<b>\$98,154.05</b>
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 82,491.95	\$96,109.92
Interest Paid		680.13
Abatements		1,364.00
Uncollected Taxes	93,171.90	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$176,138.34</b>	<b>\$98,154.05</b>

#### Summary of Poll Taxes

	1968	1967	Prev. Yrs.
Warrant, Poll Taxes	\$ 504.00		
Uncollected Poll Taxes —		\$ 152.00	\$ 14.00
Additional Poll Taxes	8.00		
Interest Collected		1.73	.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 512.00</b>	<b>\$ 153.73</b>	<b>\$ 14.31</b>
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 350.00	\$ 136.00	\$ 4.00
Interest Collected		1.73	.31
Abatements	16.00		4.00
Uncollected Poll Taxes	146.00	16.00	6.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 512.00</b>	<b>\$ 153.73</b>	<b>\$ 14.31</b>

#### Summary of Head Taxes

	1968	1967	Prev. Yrs.
Warrant, Head Taxes	\$ 1,540.00		
Uncollected Head Taxes		\$ 500.00	\$ 45.00

Additional Head Taxes	25.00		
Penalties Collected	13.00	44.00	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,578.00</b>	<b>\$ 544.00</b>	<b>\$ 46.00</b>
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 10.00
Penalties Collected	13.00	44.00	1.00
Abatements	25.00	10.00	25.00
Uncollected Head Taxes	500.00	50.00	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,578.00</b>	<b>\$ 544.00</b>	<b>\$ 46.00</b>

**Summary of Timber Taxes**

	1968	1967	Prev. Yrs.
Warrant, Timber Taxes	\$2,238.35		
Uncollected Timber Taxes		\$ 516.58	\$ 454.62
Added Timber Taxes	272.87		
Interest Collected		16.90	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,511.22</b>	<b>\$ 533.48</b>	<b>\$ 454.62</b>
Paid to Treasurer	\$1,432.80	\$ 370.06	
Interest Paid		16.90	
Uncollected Timber Taxes	1,078.42	146.52	\$ 454.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,511.22</b>	<b>\$ 533.48</b>	<b>\$ 454.62</b>

**Summary of Tax Sales**

	1967	1966	Prev. Yrs.
Taxes Sold During Fiscal Year:			
To Town	\$2,987.86		
To Others	493.65		
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes		\$1,878.80	\$1,383.67
Interest Collected After Sale	5.23	45.15	136.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,486.74</b>	<b>\$1,923.95</b>	<b>\$1,520.07</b>
Remittance to Treasurer	\$1,042.52	\$ 911.98	\$1,181.08
To Others	278.59	18.55	128.64
Abatements		20.76	12.26
Deeded to Town			31.79
To Others			
Unredeemed Taxes 1/1/69	2,165.63	972.66	166.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,486.74</b>	<b>\$1,923.95</b>	<b>\$1,520.07</b>



### REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Town of Sutton, New Hampshire  
For the Year Ending December 31, 1968

Cash Balance, January 1, 1968 \$ 13,173.64

#### CURRENT REVENUE:

##### Local Taxes:

Property Taxes - 1968	\$82,491.95	
Poll Taxes - 1968	350.00	
Yield Taxes - 1968	1,432.80	
State Head Taxes - 1968	1,040.00	
Property Taxes - Previous Years	96,109.92	
Yield Taxes - Previous Years	370.06	
Poll Taxes - Previous Years	140.00	
State Head Taxes - Previous Years	450.00	
Interest Received on Taxes	699.38	
Penalties on State Head Taxes	58.00	
Tax Sales Redeemed	3,135.58	\$186,277.69

##### State of New Hampshire:

##### For Highways and Bridges:

(a) Town Road Aid	\$ 753.55	
(b) Class V Highway Maintenance	7,810.62	
Interest and Dividends Tax	2,768.37	
Reimbursement a/c State and		
Federal Forest Land	136.00	
Fighting Forest Fires	20.70	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	1,500.91	
Bounties	528.50	
Meals and Rooms Tax	847.41	\$ 14,366.06



**Current Revenue Local Sources other than Taxes:**

**Local Sources, Other than Taxes:**

Dog Licenses		\$	194.00		
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees			109.00		
Rent of Town Property			90.00		
Income from Trust Funds			1,500.98		
Income from Departments:			1,616.81		
Motor Vehicles 1967	\$	147.02			
1968		6,303.08			
1969		8.09			
			<u>6,458.19</u>	<u>9,968.98</u>	

**Total Current Revenue Receipts** **\$210,612.73**

**RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE:**

Temporary Loans - in Anticipation of Taxes	\$70,000.00	
Long Term Notes	5,625.00	
Refunds	74.05	
Gifts	135.00	
Sale of Town Property	150.00	
County of Merrimack a/c Aid	142.50	
Miscellaneous	<u>41.28</u>	

**Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue** 76,167.83

**Total Receipts and Cash Balance** **\$299,954.20**

*Less:* Cash Disbursements 224,791.38

**Cash Balance, December 31, 1968** **\$ 75,162.82**

Irene C. Davis, *Treasurer*



**REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**  
January 1, 1968 through December 31, 1968

Received from 1967 Auto Permits	\$ 147.02	
Received from 1968 Auto Permits	6, 118.84	
Received from 1969 Auto Permits	<u>8.09</u>	\$6, 273.95
Paid to Treasurer		\$6, 273.95

**Dog Licenses Issued**

75 Males @ \$ 2.00	\$ 150.00	
5 Females @ 5.00	25.00	
4 Kennels @ \$12.00	48.00	
Penalties Collected	<u>9.00</u>	\$ 232.00
<i>Less Commissions and expenses</i>		<u>38.00</u>
		\$ 194.00
Paid to Treasurer		\$194.00

**Town Clerk's Salary**

Evangeline A. Chadwick, Town Clerk:		
Elections, etc	\$ 36.00	
Auto Permits	559.00	
Copying Records	30.00	
Copy Vital Statistics (34)	<u>17.00</u>	\$ 642.00
Expenses: Postage, Supplies, Mailing Town Reports, etc.		\$ 62.00

## REPORT OF THE SUTTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

This year your Fire Department responded to seven fires. The home of Herman Keller, South Sutton, was severely damaged as a result of a lightning strike.

In January we answered a call from New London to help fight a fire in Elkins. With temperatures below zero and gale winds blowing, the equipment worked smoothly and the quick response and efficient work of the men prevented a major fire in Elkins.

For several years the towns which are now in the Kearsarge Regional School District have worked together in a Mutual Aid plan in which any of the towns involved may call for men and equipment from one of the others. This means that each town has more equipment available than its own, and in case of several fires in one town they will not be without protection.

The generous contributions of rummage and help made our sale well worth while. We plan to hold another on the first Saturday in August. Contributions will again be greatly appreciated after the first of April.

I would like to remind everyone that in these times of increased taxes, that those who provide you with twenty-four hour a day fire protection — five maintaining phone and alarm service, and thirty-seven members and officers of the Department — do so without any pay, and many times at the loss of their own wages.

My special thanks to them for their quick and good-natured response to fire alarms, false alarms, and the more monotonous work of maintaining equipment.

Two of our members are in the service at this time — MM2/c Allan Palmer (Navy), on the USS Forrester, and Arthur Chadwick (Army) at Fort Dix.

Earl A. Rowe, *Fire Chief*

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

1.	Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,272.00
2.	Town Officers' Expenses	1,991.62
3.	Election and Registration	506.90
4.	Town Hall	1,915.09
5.	Social Security	2,752.56
6.	Police Department	1,497.08
7.	Fire Department	1,617.21
8.	Forest Fire	50.20
9.	White Pine Blister Rust	91.20
10.	Bounties	36.50
11.	Insurance	2,646.07
12.	Building Inspector	200.00
13.	Planning	93.28
14.	Health	46.62
15.	New London Hospital	600.00
16.	Vital Statistics	17.00
17.	Dump	679.89
18.	Town Maintenance, <i>Summer</i>	10,627.71
19.	Town Maintenance, <i>Winter</i>	11,215.93
20.	Town Road Aid (TRA)	2,221.48
21.	Duncan Fund	7,813.40
22.	General Expenses, Highway Department	204.36
23.	Street Lights	1,499.01
24.	Library	906.78
25.	Old Age Assistance	1,039.67
26.	Town Poor	116.50
27.	Soldiers' Aid	294.24
28.	County Poor	202.41
29.	Memorial Day and Other Celebrations	200.00
30.	Parks and Recreation	138.00
31.	Old Store Museum	474.46
32.	Cemeteries	1,249.23
33.	Regional Associations	75.00
34.	Dog Damages, Legal Expenses	29.50
35.	Taxes Bought by Town	2,787.98
36.	Discounts and Abatements	5,371.55
37.	Interest	1,939.45
38.	Re-evaluation	8,395.45
39.	Tax Map	3,689.85
40.	New Equipment	10,125.00



41. Signs	\$ 300.00
42. New Buildings	10,771.04
43. Temporary Loans	40,000.00
44. Long Term Notes	3,500.00
45. Capital Reserve Funds	750.00
46. New Trust Funds	100.00
47. Other Governmental Divisions	82,740.16
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	\$224,791.38

## **REPORT OF TOWN AUDITORS**

**Town of Sutton, New Hampshire**

**For the Year Ending December 31, 1968**

We, the Auditors of the Town of Sutton, have examined the books of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Road Agent, Library Trustees and the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the Year Ending December 31, 1968, compared their figures and vouchers and find the same correct.

George H. Hosmer

Donald J. Mitchell

*Auditors, Town of Sutton*

## DETAIL STATEMENT

## 1. Town Officers' Salaries

*Appropriation* \$ 4,000.00

*Payments:*

Robert S. Bristol, Selectman	\$ 850.00	
Evangeline A. Chadwick		
Town Clerk, and Tax Collector	871.00	
Amelia R. Chapman, Treasurer		
1/1/68 - 3/12/68	43.75	
Irene C. Davis, Treasurer		
3/12/68 - 12/31/68	131.25	
George H. Hosmer, Auditor	41.00	
Harold D. Hurd, Selectman	650.00	
Chester H. Martin, Selectman	650.00	
Donald J. Mitchell, Auditor	35.00	4,272.00

*Overdraft* \$ 272.00

## 2. Town Officers' Expenses

*Appropriation* \$ 1,700.00

*Payments:*

Associations	\$ 46.00	
Robert S. Bristol	290.00	
Evangeline A. Chadwick	62.00	
Amelia R. Chapman	17.79	
Arthur E. Davis	25.00	
Irene C. Davis	40.00	
Harold D. Hurd	135.00	
Chester H. Martin	141.87	
Postage	72.90	
Registers, Probate and Deeds	91.62	
Supplies	209.17	
Printing	29.75	
Town Report	822.52	
State of New Hampshire	8.00	1,991.62

*Overdraft* \$ 291.62

**3. Election and Registration**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$ 400.00	
<i>Receipts: Filing Fees</i>	<u>7.00</u>	\$ 407.00

*Payments:*

Emerson C. Bailey, ballot clerk	\$ 10.00	
Robert S. Bristol, Moderator	45.00	
Evangeline A. Chadwick, Clerk	36.00	
Lucille C. Chadwick, ballot clerk	28.00	
Patricia A. Chadwick, Supervisor	66.00	
Walter M. Couch, ballot clerk	28.00	
Irene C. Davis, ballot clerk	8.00	
Paul E. Kyberg, Supervisor	70.00	
Cornelius G. Martin, ballot clerk	10.00	
Robert W. Patten, Supervisor	76.50	
Martha S. Wells, ballot clerk	28.00	
Ballots	32.40	
Check lists (printing)	59.00	
Notices	<u>10.00</u>	506.90
<i>Overdraft</i>		\$ 99.90

**4. Town Hall**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$2,700.00	
<i>Receipts: Rent</i>	<u>90.00</u>	2,790.00

*Payments:*

Jeannette R. Couch, Custodian	\$ 450.00
Lights	399.99
Fuel	574.12
Supplies	44.59
Telephone	124.07

*Repairs:*

Bagley Paint & Tile Co.	290.00	
Chadwick & Whittemore	11.72	
Luke T. Cheney	<u>20.60</u>	1,915.09

Balance	\$ 874.91
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**5. Social Security (F.I.C.A)**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$1,200.00	
<i>Receipts, 1/2 withheld</i>	<u>1,376.28</u>	\$ 2,576.28
<i>Payments: Treasurer, State of New Hampshire</i>		<u>2,752.56</u>
Overdraft		\$ 176.28

**6. Police Department**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$ 2,000.00	
<i>Receipts:</i>		
Pistol Permits	10.00	
Beano Licenses	10.00	
Junque Licenses	25.00	
Refund	<u>50.92</u>	\$ 2,095.92
<i>Payments:</i>		
Myron Traynor, services	\$ 243.77	
Myron Traynor, mileage	89.84	
Ralph J. Whipple, services	654.61	
Ralph J. Whipple, mileage	430.56	
Supplies and repairs	<u>78.30</u>	\$ 1,497.08
Balance		\$ 598.84

**7. Fire Department**

<i>Appropriation</i>		\$ 1,500.00
<i>Payments:</i>		
Fuel	\$ 70.27	
Lights	53.86	
Parts, repairs, supplies	249.44	
Telephone	364.35	
Gas and oil	45.39	
Equipment	731.09	
Door opener	63.81	
Labor: Donald Rowe	21.00	
Arlo Burns	<u>18.00</u>	\$ 1,617.21
Overdraft		\$ 117.21



**8. Forest Fire**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$ 100.00	
<i>Receipts, State of New Hampshire</i>	20.70	\$ 120.70
<i>Payments:</i>		
Robert S. Bristol	\$ 11.00	
Carroll L. Thompson	19.40	
Phillip A. Thompson	11.00	
State of New Hampshire	8.80	50.20
Balance		\$ 70.50

**9. White Pine Blister Rust**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$ 91.20
<i>Payment, State of New Hampshire</i>	91.20

**10. Bounties**

Due from State of New Hampshire, Dec. 31, 1967	\$ 528.50
<i>Payments:</i>	
Robert S. Bristol	\$ 2.00
Walter M. Couch	5.00
Chester H. Martin	25.00
H. Douglas Palmer	4.50
To Total Due	565.00
Less payment	528.50
Net amount due, December 31, 1968	\$ 36.50

**11. Insurance**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$ 2,300.00
<i>Payments</i>	
Concord Group	\$ 859.91
Grange Mutual	379.55
Kearsarge Agency	1,406.61
Overdraft	\$ 346.07

**12. Building Inspector**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$ 200.00	
<i>Receipts, Building Permits</i>	<u>57.00</u>	257.00
<i>Payment:</i>		
James C. M. Tillinghast		<u>200.00</u>
Balance		\$ 57.00

**13. Planning Board**

<i>Appropriation</i>		\$ 100.00
<i>Payments:</i>		
Map of Street Names	\$ 65.00	
Printing	24.90	
Newspaper notices	<u>3.38</u>	93.28
Balance		\$ 6.72

**14. Health Department**

<i>Appropriation</i>		\$ 20.00
<i>Payments:</i>		
Edgar Condict	\$ 27.80	
Pylam Products, Inc.	7.92	
Sullo way, Jones, et als	<u>10.00</u>	46.62
<i>Overdraft</i>		\$ 26.62

**15. New London Hospital**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$ 600.00
<i>Payment, New London Hospital, Inc.</i>	<u>600.00</u>

**16. Vital Statistics**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$ 15.00
<i>Payment, Evangeline A. Chadwick</i>	<u>17.00</u>
<i>Overdraft</i>	\$ 2.00

### 17. Town Dump

*Appropriation* \$ 600.00

*Payments:*

Walter M. Couch	\$ 467.80	
Graham Advertising Co.	30.00	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Inc.	42.09	
Harold B. Rowe	140.00	\$ 679.89

*Overdraft* \$ 79.89

### 18. Town Maintenance, Summer

*Appropriation* \$10,800.00

*Receipts:*

Oiling	957.49	
Equipment rental	382.50	\$12,139.99

*Payments:*

Eugene F. Crowdle	\$ 1,956.86	
William R. Fifield	91.78	
George R. Gagnon	1,874.12	
Carroll L. Thompson	68.83	
Phillip A. Thompson	2,927.28	
N.H.-Vt. Hosp. Serv.	185.04	
H. H. Davis Agency	80.91	7,184.82

Parts and Repairs	\$ 1,212.18	
Supplies	1,289.77	
Gas and Oil	940.94	3,442.89

Grand Total \$10,627.71

Balance \$ 1,512.28

### 19. Town Maintenance, Winter

*Appropriation* \$ 9,000.00

*Receipts:*

Plowing driveways	\$110.00	
Gas tax refund	167.02	
Refunds	23.13	300.15

\$ 9,300.15

*Payments*

Eugene F. Crowdle	\$ 44.32		
Paul F. Chadwick	233.27		
William R. Fifield	1,653.85		
George R. Gagnon	1,564.85		
Michael C. Pugliese	63.09		
Carroll L. Thompson	103.26		
Phillip A. Thompson	1,563.57		
N.H.-Vt. Hosp. Serv.	103.62		
H. H. Davis Agency	31.68	\$ 5,361.51	
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Parts and Repairs	\$2,086.06		
Supplies	2,196.49		
Gas and Oil	1,571.87	\$ 5,854.42	\$11,215.93

*Overdraft* \$ 1,915.78

**20. Town Road Aid (TRA)**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$ 1,510.11	
<i>Receipts</i> , State of New Hampshire	<u>753.55</u>	\$ 2,263.66

*Payments:*

Eugene F. Crowdle	\$ 223.78	
George R. Gagnon	176.40	
Phillip A. Thompson	311.19	
State of New Hampshire	<u>1,510.11</u>	2,221.48

Balance \$ 42.18

**21. Duncan Fund**

<i>Receipt</i> , State of New Hampshire	\$ 7,810.62
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*Payments:*

Paul F. Chadwick	\$ 76.48	
Eugene F. Crowdle	1,415.85	
George Emery	166.34	
Michael C. Pugliese	86.04	
Phillip A. Thompson	<u>1,899.34</u>	\$ 3,644.05

Donald E. Rowe	\$ 658.60
Earl A. Rowe	54.00

Harold B. Rowe	1,095.20		
Wayne V. Wheeler	128.00		
Albert Raymond, gravel	370.00		
Supplies, culverts, etc.	<u>1,863.55</u>	<u>4,169.35</u>	<u>7,813.40</u>

Overdraft		\$	2.78
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## 22. General Expenses, Highway Department

Appropriation		\$	250.00
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### Payments:

Telephone	\$	150.65	
Lights		<u>53.71</u>	<u>204.36</u>

Balance		\$	45.64
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## 23. Street Lighting

Appropriation		\$	1,800.00
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Payments, Public Service Co. of New Hampshire		<u>1,499.01</u>	
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Balance		\$	300.99
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## 24. Library

Appropriation	\$	600.00	
Receipt, Pressy Fund Interest		244.28	
Receivable		<u>62.50</u>	<u>\$ 906.78</u>

Payment, Surissa Y. Lewis, Treasurer		<u>\$ 906.78</u>	
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## 25. Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	\$	2,500.00	
Receipts		<u>1,450.91</u>	<u>\$ 3,950.91</u>

Payments, State of New Hampshire		<u>1,039.67</u>	
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Balance		\$	2,911.24
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## 26. Town Poor

Appropriation		\$	200.00
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*Payments:*

George H. Hosmer, Overseer and transporting surplus food	\$ 114.00	
Dr. Eileen Levis, professional services	2.50	<u>116.50</u>
Balance		\$ 83.50

**27. Soldiers' Aid**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$ 200.00	
<i>Trustee of Trust Funds</i>	<u>94.24</u>	294.24

*Payments:*

Case # 1, a/c groceries		<u>294.24</u>
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**28. County Poor**

Balance due from County, January 1, 1968	\$ 393.63	
Case # 1, a/c groceries		<u>202.41</u>
	\$ 596.04	
<i>Credit payment by County</i>	<u>142.50</u>	
Balance due from County, 1/1/69	\$ 453.54	

**29. Memorial Day and Other Celebrations**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$ 220.00	
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*Payments:*

American Legion Post # 40	\$ 100.00	
Old Home Day Association	<u>100.00</u>	200.00
Balance		\$ 20.00

**30. Recreation, South Sutton Common**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$ 130.00	
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*Payments:*

George R. Gagnon	\$ 100.00	
Randall Martin	<u>12.00</u>	

Francis Rudolph	6.00	
Painting flag pole	20.00	138.00
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**31. Old Store Museum**

Payment, Irene C. Davis, Treasurer	\$ 474.46
Receivable from Trustees of Trust Funds	<hr/> 474.46

**32. Cemeteries**

Appropriation	\$ 1,800.00	
Receivable from Trustees of Trust Funds	<hr/> 576.00	\$ 2,376.00

*Payments:*

Everett W. Howe	\$ 186.00	
Warren E. Hosmer	246.00	
Robert E. Partridge	656.88	
Lawrence W. Partridge, Jr.	63.00	
Sherman J. Felch	40.00	
Clifford Sillars	18.00	
Charles MacCreighton	10.00	
Electricity	20.35	
Supplies	9.00	<hr/> 1,249.23
Balance		\$ 1,126.77

**33. Advertising and Regional Associations**

Appropriation	\$ 75.00
Payment, Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region	<hr/> 75.00

**34. Dog Damages***Payments:*

Concord S. P. C. A.	\$ 16.00	
Richard W. Rodgers	<hr/> 13.50	\$ 29.50

**35. Taxes Bought by Town**

<i>Payment</i> , Evangeline A. Chadwick, Tax Collector	<u>\$ 2,787.98</u>
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**36. Abatements and Refunds**

<i>Payments</i> , Appellants	<u>\$ 5,378.55</u>
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**37. Interest***Appropriations:*

Temporary Loans	\$ 400.00
Long Term Notes	450.00

*Receipts:*

Taxes (Interest)	699.38
Receivable, Trustees of Trust Funds	<u>200.00</u>
	\$ 1,749.38

*Payments:*

Long Term Notes, interest	\$ 595.00
Temporary Loans, interest	795.56
Evangeline A. Chadwick,	
Taxes bought by Town	119.83
a/c tax refunds	350.93
a/c County tax	<u>78.08</u>
	1,939.45

<i>Overdraft</i>	\$ 190.07
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**38. Re-evaluation**

Balance of appropriations	\$ 5,620.82
Raised by taxes, 1968	<u>2,710.98</u>
	\$ 8,331.80

*Payments:*

Internal Revenue Service	\$ 25.20
Treasurer, State of N.H.	38.45
State Tax Commission	<u>8,331.80</u>
	8,395.45

<i>Overdraft</i>	\$ 63.65
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**39. Tax Map**

<i>Appropriation</i> , 1968	\$ 3,000.00
Balance, 1967	<u>700.00</u>
	\$ 3,700.00

*Payments:*

Evans Printing Co.	\$	29.85	
William G. Hodges		160.00	
E. N. Robberts		500.00	
Previous overdrafts		3,000.00	3,689.85

Balance		\$	10.15
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**40. New Equipment**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$	5,875.00	
Long Term Notes		5,625.00	\$11,500.00

<i>Payment, Broadhead Ford Sales</i>			10,125.00
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Balance		\$	1,375.00
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**41. Signs**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$	500.00	
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*Payments:*

Treasurer, State of N.H.	\$	135.00	
Charles W. Sanborn		165.00	300.00

Balance		\$	200.00
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**42. New Building**

<i>Appropriation, 1968</i>	\$	2,500.00	
From Surplus		10,000.00	
From Capital Reserve Fund		9,547.91	
<i>Appropriation, 1969</i>		2,500.00	
Total Amount Available			\$24,547.91

*Payments:*

Argus-Champion	\$	6.00	
Robert S. Bristol		35.00	
Eaton-Jones		34.29	
R. H. Kinsman		115.50	
Moulton Construction		536.25	
Smith's Pre-cast		44.00	
West Branch Builders		10,000.00	10,771.04

Balance		\$13,776.87	
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**43. Temporary Loans**

<i>Payments</i> , Citizens National Bank	\$40,000.00
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**44. Long Term Notes**

<i>Appropriation</i>	\$ 3,500.00
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*Payment:*

Citizens National Bank, a/c Grader	<u>3,500.00</u>
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**45. Capital Reserve Funds***Appropriations:*

War Memorial	\$ 500.00	
Fire Department	250.00	\$ 750.00

*Payment:*

Trustees of Trust Funds	<u>750.00</u>
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**46. New Trust Funds**

Receipts, a/c George and Ella French Lot	\$ 100.00
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*Payment:*

Trustees of Trust Funds	<u>100.00</u>
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**47. Other Governmental Divisions***Payments:*

County Tax	\$10,308.92
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## Treasurer, State of New Hampshire:

Debt Retirement Tax	\$ 107.14	
Head Tax, 1967	612.00	
Head Tax, 1968	<u>821.50</u>	1,540.64

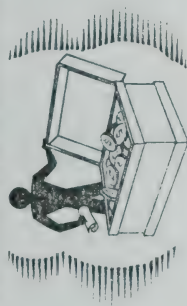
## School District:

Kearsarge Regional 1967-68	\$43,932.97	
Kearsarge Regional 1968-69	<u>26,957.63</u>	70,890.60

Total All Payments	\$82,740.16
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# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SUTTON, N.H. ON DECEMBER 31, 1968



Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS Purpose of Creation Name of Fund	Amount of Principal	Income		Expended During Year	Income	
			Balance 1/1/68	During Year		Balance 12/31/68	During Year
1909	Mary Eaton School Fund	\$ 150.00	\$ 201.66	\$ 16.75	\$ ---	\$ 218.41	
1909	Mary Wadleigh Lot Fund	49.00	8.98	2.74	5.00	6.72	
1909	Betsy Eaton Lot Fund	100.00	13.01	5.38	5.00	13.39	
1909	Ruth Stinson Lot Fund	100.00	11.66	5.30	5.00	11.96	
1910	Ruth Stinson Yard Fund	200.00	46.71	11.80	---	58.51	
1910	Emma Abbott Lot Fund	50.00	10.25	2.85	4.00	9.10	
1912	David Johnson Lot Fund	50.00	9.32	2.79	4.00	8.11	
1914	Charles Kohlrausch Lot Fund	200.00	16.21	10.35	5.00	21.56	
1914	P. S. H. Wadleigh Lot Fund	70.00	14.60	4.28	4.00	14.88	
1916	Orin Nelson Worthy Poor Fund	1,000.00	400.79	70.45	94.24	377.00	
1916	Orin Nelson Library Fund	1,000.00	281.33	64.44	345.77	---	
1918	John M. Pressey Library Fund	1,000.00	244.28	50.55	244.28	50.55	
1918	John M. Pressey Lot Fund	300.00	57.40	18.04	10.00	65.44	
1922	Frank J. Pillsbury Lot Fund	100.00	14.62	5.76	5.00	15.38	
1923	Sarah Russell Lot Fund	100.00	14.68	5.76	5.00	15.44	

1923	Henry Peaslee Lot Fund	\$	50.00	\$	10.30	\$	3.04	\$	4.00	\$	9.34
1924	Mary Pressey Lot Fund		200.00		21.95		11.23		5.00		28.18
1924	Sarah Johnson Lot Fund		95.00		10.63		5.38		5.00		11.01
1925	Mrs. Francis Ferry Lot Fund		100.00		11.66		5.69		5.00		12.35
1925	Bertha Elkins Lot Fund		100.00		12.51		5.73		5.00		13.24
1926	Arthur K. Rix Lot Fund		250.00		75.81		16.46		10.00		82.27
1929	John Pressey Lot Fund		50.00		5.63		2.80		3.00		5.43
1928	Little and Bean Lot Fund		300.00		19.89		16.22		10.00		26.11
1928	Stephen Woodward Lot Fund		50.00		9.71		3.00		4.00		8.71
1928	George C. Pillsbury Lot Fund		100.00		11.04		5.65		5.00		11.69
1930	Arthur and Arlettie Merrill Lot Fund		100.00		13.58		5.72		5.00		14.30
1930	John and Jeanette Eaton Lot Fund		75.00		10.28		4.28		5.00		9.56
1930	John Eaton School Fund		500.00		229.19		36.66		---		265.85
1930	Ellen A. W. Hoyt Lot Fund		100.00		13.45		5.71		5.00		14.16
1930	Mathew H. Kohlrausch Lot Fund		150.00		16.23		8.35		10.00		14.58
1931	Leonard F. E. Dresser Lot Fund		150.00		16.32		8.36		10.00		14.68
1932	Abbie L. Dillingham Lot Fund		75.00		12.69		4.42		5.00		12.11
1932	S. E. Richards and Betsy Colby Lot Fund		150.00		15.42		8.39		5.00		18.81
1932	Fred A. Felch Lot Fund		200.00		19.36		11.10		10.00		20.46
1933	Fred H. Pratt Lot Fund		100.00		12.96		5.68		5.00		13.64
1934	Eva Nelson Lot Fund		200.00		24.50		11.36		10.00		25.86
1935	Horace Chadwick Lot Fund		200.00		20.41		11.15		10.00		21.56
1935	Moses Blaisdell Lot Fund		100.00		13.79		5.73		5.00		14.52
1935	Sarah Davis Lot Fund		100.00		13.71		5.73		5.00		14.44
1937	Francis Chadwick Lot Fund		200.00		17.03		10.98		10.00		18.01
1937	Mabel Howlett Lot Fund		100.00		14.56		5.78		5.00		15.34
1938	Emma Loud Lot Fund		50.00		9.57		3.01		4.00		8.58

1939	Fred Fisher Lot Fund	\$	500.00	\$	352.52	\$	43.13	\$	20.00	\$	375.65
1941	Stephen and Helen Huse Lot Fund		300.00		263.03		28.51		10.00		281.54
1942	James and Mary Knowlton Lot Fund		100.00		14.65		5.78		5.00		15.43
1942	Lewis C. Richards Lot Fund		300.00		57.28		18.08		15.00		60.36
1942	Frank S. Jordan Lot Fund		100.00		15.12		5.83		5.00		15.95
1943	Lewis C. Richards Yard Fund		300.00		92.53		19.85		---		112.38
1943	Lewis C. Richards Library Fund		300.00		96.71		20.05		116.76		---
1944	F. E. Nelson Town of Sutton Fund		5,000.00		622.35		284.60		200.00		706.95
1944	F. E. Nelson Town of Sutton Fund		(Principal withdrawn 1958)		57.43		2.89		---		60.32
1944	F. E. Nelson Yard Fund		2,000.00		394.97		114.22		---		509.19
1944	F. E. Nelson Town of Sutton Fund		2,500.00		683.96		153.03		---		836.99
1944	Edwin Wright Lot Fund		200.00		20.00		11.13		5.00		26.13
1945	John L. Andrews Lot Fund		100.00		13.78		5.73		5.00		14.51
1946	Asa Nelson Todd Lot Fund		100.00		14.37		5.78		5.00		15.15
1946	Benjamin K. Coburn Lot Fund		300.00		71.04		18.78		10.00		79.82
1947	Herbert L. Pillsbury Lot Fund		200.00		19.24		11.08		5.00		25.32
1943	John Macintosh Lot Fund		250.00		27.49		13.29		10.00		30.78
1948	Georgina Nelson Lot Fund		50.00		9.98		2.84		2.00		10.82
1949	Fred Roby Lot Fund		100.00		14.26		5.78		5.00		15.04
1949	Albert E. Chadwick Lot Fund		100.00		11.39		5.63		5.00		12.02
1950	John Sargent Lot Fund		100.00		58.38		8.00		10.00		56.38
1950	Charlotte and George Wheeler Lot Fund		100.00		15.23		5.83		5.00		16.06
1950	Frank Fisher Yard Fund		2,822.31		509.73		168.68		---		678.41
1952	Richard Hall Lot Fund		100.00		15.24		5.83		5.00		16.07
1953	Harley R. Bullard Lot Fund		100.00		13.42		5.73		5.00		14.15
1954	Minnie W. Cressey Yard Fund		5,000.00		512.12		279.03		---		791.15
1956	Carlington G. Wells Lot Fund		150.00		14.42		8.30		5.00		17.72

1956	Lucia Nolan Lot Fund	\$	100.00	\$	14.75	\$	5.78	\$	5.00	\$	15.53
1956	Elder Frank Nelson Lot Fund		100.00		13.52		5.72		5.00		14.24
1956	Truman Putney Lot Fund		100.00		13.52		5.72		5.00		14.24
1956	James M. Nelson Lot Fund		100.00		13.52		5.72		5.00		14.24
1957	Fred E. Merrill Lot Fund		150.00		16.09		8.40		10.00		14.49
1957	Edna M. Witcher Lot Fund		200.00		19.33		11.08		10.00		20.41
1957	Fernando P. Ayer Lot Fund		100.00		14.83		5.78		5.00		15.61
1957	Warren Whippen Lot Fund		150.00		15.67		8.36		5.00		19.03
1957	Ralph C. Smith Lot Fund		250.00		44.65		14.90		10.00		49.55
1958	Blanche W. Littlehale Lot Fund		100.00		14.08		5.75		5.00		14.83
1958	Herman J. Hazen Lot Fund		100.00		14.21		5.78		5.00		14.99
1958	Henry and Mary Mercer Lot Fund		100.00		14.38		5.78		5.00		15.16
1958	Obidiah and Austin Morgan Lot Fund		50.00		9.53		3.01		3.00		9.54
1959	Capital Reserve Fund for Bridges		1,065.14		363.89		72.33		---		436.22
1959	Capital Reserve Fund for Highways ( <i>Principal withdrawn 1964</i> )				108.31		5.48		---		113.79
1959	E. M. and Belinda Cummings Lot Fund		100.00		15.22		5.83		5.00		16.05
1961	Don Simons Lot Fund		1,000.00		211.87		61.33		20.00		253.20
1961	J. Harvey Merrill Lot Fund		100.00		11.73		5.63		5.00		12.36
1961	Harvey Chadwick Lot Fund		150.00		13.88		8.26		5.00		17.14
1961	Capital Reserve Fund —Fire Dept. (\$250 added)		1,190.00		138.19		64.03		---		202.22
1961	Warren H. Simons Lot Fund		300.00		54.31		17.93		10.00		62.24
1961	A. M. and E. T. Harriman Lot Fund		150.00		16.70		8.40		5.00		20.10
1961	Robert C. and George H. Todd Lot Fund		100.00		14.03		5.75		5.00		14.78
1961	Henry Palmer Lot Fund		100.00		14.59		5.78		5.00		15.37
1962	Addie P. Nelson Lot Fund		220.00		25.20		12.41		10.00		27.61
1963	Chadwick and Gardiner Lot Fund		150.00		13.44		8.26		5.00		16.70
1963	W. P. and L. P. Chadwick Lot Fund		150.00		13.44		8.26		5.00		16.70

1963	Fred O. Chase Lot Fund	\$	100.00	\$	14.07	\$	5.75	\$	5.00	\$	14.82
1963	Oliver French Lot Fund		50.00		7.75		2.91		4.00		6.66
1963	George and Annie Todd Lot Fund		200.00		19.40		11.08		10.00		20.48
1963	Mabel Chadwick Lot Fund		100.00		14.96		5.78		5.00		15.74
1964	Robert E. Roby Lot Fund		100.00		12.68		5.68		5.00		13.36
1964	Harry Swenson Lot Fund		100.00		12.28		5.68		5.00		12.96
1965	Harvey W. Chadwick Lot Fund		150.00		15.78		8.35		5.00		19.13
1965	George B. Palmer Lot Fund		100.00		10.22		5.55		5.00		10.77
1966	Ada L. Little Lot Fund		100.00		8.61		5.48		5.00		9.09
1966	Paul and Anna Kutzner Lot Fund		100.00		8.61		5.48		5.00		9.09
1966	Karl and Margaret Stampff Lot Fund		35.00		2.69		1.88		---		4.57
1966	Old Store Museum Fund		3,054.37		256.96		166.55		---		423.51
1966	Pat and Estelle W. Rooney Lot Fund		35.00		2.56		1.88		---		4.44
1966	Mark L. Stevens Lot Fund		200.00		4.85		10.33		5.00		10.18
1966	Old Store Museum Fund		7,063.88		459.22		380.86		474.46		365.62
1967	T. N. Prescott Lot Fund		50.00		2.04		2.63		---		4.67
1967	Town of Sutton Land & Bldgs Fund	(Princ. expended 1968)			359.85		460.06		819.91		---
1967	Delos J. Bristol Lot Fund		200.00		5.79		10.38		5.00		11.17
1967	Douglas Anderson Library Fund		500.00		---		25.30		25.30		---
1968	War Memorial Fund	(New Fund)	500.00		---		18.90		---		18.90
1968	Isaac Chadwick & Rhoda Peters Lot Fund (New)		100.00		---		3.33		---		3.33
1968	George and Ella French Lot Fund (New)		100.00		---		2.92		---		2.92
1968	Edward Kelley Lot Fund (New)		200.00		---		.83		---		.83
1968	Robert V. Davis Lot Fund (New)		100.00		---		---		---		---
			\$49,100.20		\$8,449.52		\$3,291.31		\$2,896.72		\$8,844.11



**REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES — 1967-1968**

During the past year our meetings have been to select books of interest to the community and future projects, social and educational, for all age groups.

Work Sessions attended by Mrs. Cynthia Postal, consultant from Keene, has helped in the weeding and cataloging of books. We have attended Book Display and Work Shop meetings.

Being a State Affiliated Library, we received \$ 100.00 grant, and have purchased reference books for the high school students.

Proceeds from the book sale and food sale have helped toward the purchase of new books, and many have been donated this year.

Films are shown at Sutton Central School and the Library each month.

Children participated in the Summer Reading Program. A party was given in their honor.

During Library Week antique bottles were exhibited by local collectors and were a great success. Children of the third and fourth grades wrote essays "What the Library means to me." Books were given as prizes.

RCA donated fifty records to the library.

A generous sum of money was received from the Mrs. Grace P. Nelson Estate.

Our thanks to the Librarian, to those who so generously donated records, books, and money, and to those interested townspeople for their help during the past year.

*Your Library Welcomes You!*

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**March 15, 1843**

On motion voted that the Selectmen be directed to furnish a burying cloth for the Center and Gore burying grounds.

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
for  
SUTTON FREE LIBRARY**

**Cash on Hand, January 1, 1968** **\$ 99.18**

*Receipts*

Appropriation	600.00	
Interest: Trust Funds	306.78	
Food Sale	75.00	
Book Sale	35.66	
Reimbursement for lost book	4.37	\$1,120.99

*Payments:*

Books and Magazines	\$253.76	
Heat	188.35	
Electricity	120.34	
Librarian	308.00	
Janitor	57.25	
Supplies	108.70	
Repairs and Replacements	15.25	
New Equipment	24.00	
Bank Charges	3.51	
Miscellaneous	21.14	1,100.30

**Cash on Hand, December 31, 1968** **20.69**

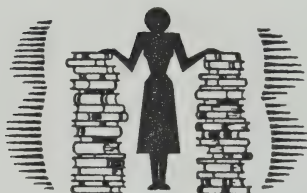
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**March 21st 1815**

Motion being made, voted that two persons be appointed to take the care and keep the keys of the meeting houses and to dig all the graves and fill them and they are to have the privilege of pasturing the grave yards with creatures that will not injure said yards.

Motion being made, voted that no person being the owner of any cattle, horses, sheep or swine shall suffer any of them to run at large within one mile of either of the meeting houses.



# REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

As At December 31, 1968

Adult Books Bought	30	
Juvenile Books Bought	43	
Magazine Subscription Bought	4	
Adult & Juvenile Books Donated	100	
Magazine Subscriptions Donated	2	
Books Loaned - Adult	1, 215	
Books Loaned - Juvenile	4, 415	
Magazines Loaned	443	
Records Loaned	82	
<b>Cash Balance, January 1, 1968</b>	<b>\$ 4.10</b>	
Receipts - Dues, etc.	<u>2.00</u>	
<b>Total Receipts and Cash Balance</b>		<b>\$6.10</b>
Expenditures:		
Supplies and Postage		<u>2.00</u>
<b>Cash Balance, December 31, 1968</b>		<b>\$4.10</b>

During the year 1968, books were donated by the following:

Mrs. Marjorie Doty	Mrs. Barbara Durham
Mrs. Gordon Bird	Mrs. Preston Quinby
Mrs. Alfred Wilmot	Mrs. Edward Doherty
Mrs. Alice Keller	Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth
Mrs. Paul Kyburg	Mrs. Arthur Lewis

*Signed/Jeanette R. Couch, Librarian*

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUTTON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1968

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex	Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother	State of Birth of Parents
June 12, 1968 New London, N.H.	Joseph Earl	M	Arlo G. Burns Norma J. Merrill	New Hampshire New Hampshire
June 12, 1968 Concord, N.H.	Tammy Ruth	F	Lawrence W. Partridge, Jr. Eileen M. Barton	New Hampshire New Hampshire
July 5, 1968 New London, N.H.	Darrel Scott	M	Darrel Palmer Lois M. Whitcher	New Hampshire New Hampshire
August 2, 1968 New London, N.H.	David	M	Edward J. Doherty Mary Macy Finn	New York Massachusetts
August 12, 1968 Franklin, N.H.	Christine Ann	F	Launie M. Brown Bertha Ann Powers	District of Columbia New Hampshire
August 14, 1968 New London, N.H.	Daniel Paul	M	Arthur J. Lewis, IV Claudia D. Pellerin	Connecticut New Hampshire
October 27, 1968 New London, N.H.	Wendy Jacqueline	F	Darrell S. Sykes Jean A. Charon	Connecticut Vermont
November 28, 1968 Newport, N.H.	Ann Marie	F	Allan R. Partridge Kathleen M. Rollins	New Hampshire New Hampshire

*Note:* All White. Residence of Parents, all Sutton, New Hampshire

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EVANGELINE A. CHADWICK, *Town Clerk*

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUTTON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1968**

<b>Date and Place of Death</b>	<b>Name and Surname of Deceased</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>State of Birth and Occupation</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother</b>
January 4, 1968 New London, N.H.	Willis W. Hill	M	70	New Hampshire Retired	Widowed	Willis G. Hill Mary E. Weaver
January 18, 1968 Hanover, N.H.	Ruth B. Adams	F	70	Massachusetts Housewife	Married	Edward Buller Charlotte Johnson
January 22, 1968 Hartford, Vt.	Harvey C. Chadwick	M	75	New Hampshire Retired	Married	William P. Chadwick Elizabeth Prescott
February 7, 1968 New London, N.H.	Annie M. Call	F	72	New Hampshire Housewife	Married	Henry Quinby Mary A. Little
March 3, 1968 Sutton, N.H.	George C. Stoodley	M	72	Vermont Retired	Married	Adelbert Stoodley Edna Little
March 4, 1968 Warner, N.H.	Grace H. Davis	F	79	Massachusetts Housewife	Married	Burt L. Smith Olive Kennerson
March 28, 1968 Concord, N.H.	Richard F. Morgan	M	85	New Hampshire Retired	Divorced	Frank W. Morgan Belinda Bohanan



June 9, 1968 Keene, N.H.	Edward Kelly	M	91	Canada Retired	Married	Alexander Kelly Barbara Long
June 17, 1968 Keene, N.H.	Charles G. Ash, Jr.	M	64	Massachusetts Realtor	Married	Charles G. Ash, Sr. Grace E. Yates
August 19, 1968 Nashua, N.H.	Lillie G. Colburn	F	95	New Hampshire Retired	Widowed	Charles P. Wells Chestina Brown
August 23, 1968 Sutton, N.H.	George A. Wise	M	76	New Hampshire Retired	Widowed	George Wise Nellie Sawyer
November 30, 1968 Concord, N.H.	Althea A. Flint	F	79	New Hampshire Retired-Nurse	Never Married	Waldo Flint Sarah M. Hoyt
December 10, 1968 Concord, N.H.	Addie V. Nelson	F	92	New Hampshire Retired	Widowed	Daniel Powers Hattie Palmer
December 19, 1968 New London, N.H.	Mary F. Richards	F	83	New York Retired	Widowed	Frank Klimm Margaret Dorsch
December 21, 1968 Boscawen, N.H.	George W. Davis	M	83	New Hampshire Retired	Widowed	George W. Davis Isadora Smith

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**EVANGELINE A. CHADWICK, Town Clerk**

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUTTON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1968

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride Residence of Each at time of marriage	Place of Birth of Each Age	Names of Parents	Cond.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom Married
January 8, 1968 New London, N.H.	Lester J. Connors Sutton, N.H. Linda P. Parker Wichita, Kansas	21 Massachusetts 19 Arkansas	S Lester G. Connors 1 Josephine M. Griffin S William T. Parker 1 Lena Tilton	S 1 S 1	Rev. Edward Bracy Catholic Priest New London, N.H.
March 30, 1968 Hooksett, N.H.	Thomas A. Chadwick Sutton, N.H. Amelia S. Benard Hooksett, N.H.	20 New Hampshire 21 New Hampshire	S Allen Chadwick 1 Sylvia Willey S Bertrand G. Benard 1 Estelle LaBerge	S 1 S 1	Rev. T. Marconato Catholic Priest Allentown, N.H.
May 5, 1968 Concord, N.H.	Dana W. Aldrich Wilnot, N.H. Rosemary B. Chandler Sutton, N.H.	51 Vermont 33 New Hampshire	D Gardner Aldrich 2 Mabel I. Powers S Horton L. Chandler 1 Elizabeth B. Snow	D 2 S 1	Rev. Edwin T. Cooke Clergyman Manchester, N.H.
June 1, 1968 Bradford, N.H.	Richard Call Sutton, N.H. Patricia S. Chadwick Sutton, N.H.	35 New Hampshire 22 New Hampshire	D Shirley S. Call 3 Annie M. Quinby S Allen Chadwick 1 Sylvia Willey	D 3 S 1	Rev. Carl R. Bartle Minister Bradford, N.H.

June 1, 1968 Newport, N.H.	Paul M. Almstrom Sutton, N.H. Victoria J. Roberts Newport, N.H.	21	Rhode Island	S 1	Gustaf A. Almstrom Eleanor Randall Delphis Roberts Barbara Brailey	Rev. Frank A. Kelly Methodist Pastor Newport, N.H.
June 8, 1968 New London, N.H.	Jeffrey A. Lee Sutton, N.H. Sally D. Prescott New London, N.H.	19 20	Connecticut Massachusetts	S 1 S 1	Paul F. Lee Jane W. Szulewski Arthur L. Prescott Myrtle R. Poulin	Rev. Robert Thurston Pastor New London, N.H.
June 29, 1968 Sutton, N.H.	Paul J. Williams Pompton Lakes, N.J. Norrine A. Abbott Sutton, N.H.	21 21	Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Maine	S 1 S 1	Roger P. Williams Betty Gale Thomas E. Abbott Genevieve Andrews	Rev. Samuel Young Clergyman Scituate, Mass.
July 27, 1968 Sunapee, N.H.	Richard E. Tower Sutton, N.H. Penny Ellen Granger Claremont, N.H.	26 26	New Hampshire New Hampshire	D 2 S 1	Gordon R. Tower Maude E. Ashby Paul Granger Marion Hanson	Jean W. Putonen Justice of the Peace Sunapee, N.H.
August 21, 1968 New London, N.H.	Robert E. Burns New London, N.H. Barbara J. Blanchette Sutton, N.H.	21 18	New Hampshire New Hampshire	S 1 S 1	Earl G. Burns Barbara L. Sargent Esderas J. Blanchette Pearl M. Stoddard	Rev. Robert Thurston Pastor New London, N.H.

September 21, 1963 Bradford, N.H.	George H. Hosmer, Jr. Sutton, N.H. Jeannette Slade Call Sutton N.H.	25	New Hampshire	S 1 D 3	George H. Hosmer, Sr. Hazel M. Nye Robert W. Wright, Sr. Elizabeth Dillingham	Rev. Carl R. Bartle Minister Bradford, N.H.
September 29, 1963 New London, N.H.	Robert G. Roby Sutton, N.H. Sharon W. Pelton New London, N.H.	27 25	New Hampshire	S 1 D 2	Gerald C. Roby, Sr. Blanche Chadwick Richard Wright Mary Nichols	Rev. Robert Thurston Pastor New London, N.H.
October 19, 1963 Bradford, N.H.	Roger L. Shaw New London, N.H. Agnes L. Wheeler Sutton, N.H.	21 22	New Hampshire	S 1 S 1	Leslie W. Shaw Lois Stuart Norris O. Wheeler Dorothy P. Hewey	Rev. Carl R. Bartle Minister Bradford, N.H.
November 29, 1963 New London, N.H.	Daniel B. DeLand New London, N.H. Diane J. Chadwick Sutton N.H.	13 17	Pennsylvania Massachusetts	S 1 S 1	Durgin J. DeLand Jean S. Black John W. Wentworth Della Chadwick	Rev. Jack W. Jensen Clergyman New London, N.H.
December 4, 1963 Sutton, N.H.	David B. Rayno Wilmot, N.H. MaryAnn C. Gillick Sutton, N.H.	28 34	New Hampshire New York	S 1 D 2	Henry Rayno Evangeline Beroche Lester J. Caemmerer Anne Slater	Robert S. Bristol Justice of the Peace Sutton, N.H.

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EVANGELINE A. CHADWICK, *Town Clerk*

*By Laws adopted for the regulation of the Poor House and House of Correction in the town of Sutton:*

The Committee appointed by the town of Sutton at a legal town meeting holden on the 13th day of March, 1838 to prepare and lay before the town a system of the Laws, suitable for ruling, governing and punishing such person or persons as may be committed to the House of Correction, or "Work House," have had that subject under consideration and, Report for the consideration of the town, the following rules, orders, and regulations, and also a resolution accompanying the same.

Jona Harvey  
Benja Wadleigh  
John Pillsbury  
*Committee*

Rules, Orders, and Regulations, for ruling, governing and punishing such person or persons as may be committed to the House of Correction or Work House, in the town of Sutton, in the County of Merrimac(k) and State of New Hampshire.

**First.** That the Overseers of the Poor for the time being be and they are hereby appointed the officers for the government of said House of Correction or Work House, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered to select and appoint a suitable person to be the Superintendant of said House of Correction, or Work House. And said Superintendant who may be appointed shall have all the power which can be vested in him by virtue of an act passed December 16th, 1828, and in conformity to these rules, orders, and regulations.

**Second.** That any rogue, vagabond, lewd, idle or disorderly person or person going about juggling or begging, or persons using any subtle craft or unlawful games or plays, or persons pretending to have knowledge in physognomy, palmistry, or persons pretending they can tell destinies or fortunes, or discover any spells or magic art where lost or stolen goods may be found, common fiddlers, pipers, runaways, stubborn servants or children, common drunkards, common night walkers, pilferers, persons wanton or lascivious in speech, conduct, or behavior, common railers, or brawlers, such as neglect their calling or employment, misspend what they earn, and such as do not provide for themselves or the support of their families, upon conviction of any of the offenses aforesaid before any Justice of the peace, in and for the County of



Merrimac, on complaint made in writing may be committed to said House of Correction, or Work House, if said offender be apprehended in said town, to be kept and governed and punished according to the rules, orders and regulations of said House of Correction, or Work House.

**Third.** That any person or persons that may be committed to said House of Correction or Work House by any Justice of the peace, for any of the offenses or disorders aforesaid, shall be detained and kept there for the term of not less than thirty days, and not exceeding six months, and shall be confined to hard labor and to wear fetters or shackles, or be confined in a dark cell and fed on bread and water not exceeding forty-eight hours at any one time; and the said Superintendant is hereby authorized and empowered to inflict any or all of said punishments during such confinement in said House of Correction as he may think reasonable.

**Fourth.** That in any case where any person or persons shall be so committed as aforesaid for any of the offences or disorders aforesaid, and shall conduct properly and with decorum, the Superintendant shall have power and authority to release such person or persons from all the punishment except that of hard labor; and also hard labor in case of sickness or inability, may not be required to be performed. And the Superintendant is hereby authorised and empowered to give such person or persons as good and sufficient food and drink, and as good and comfortable beds and bedding as the Poor that may be kept in such house are furnished with.

**Seventh.** That said Superintendant shall have full power and authority to confine any person or persons that may be committed to said House of Correction or Work House in some secure place, to prevent such person or persons from absconding or departing without lawful authority. Also that the Overseers of the Poor be and they are hereby empowered to bind out to labor or employ in said House of Correction or Work House any person or persons residing in said town, who live idly and pursue no lawful calling or business, and are poor and stand in need of relief of said town. And every contract made by said Overseer in any of the cases aforesaid shall be as good and effectual as if such person bound him or herself for the same space of time. And said Overseer shall and may take the wages and appropriate them to the maintainance of such person or his or her family or children.



*Please come to the meetings  
and bring this report*

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TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1969

PILLSBURY MEMORIAL HALL

POLLS OPEN 1:00 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.